March 31, 2022

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 563 in its entirety.

This bill would make many statutory changes to allow farm-raised game bovids to be treated the same as farm-raised deer. This bill would allow farm-raised game bovids to be raised as livestock and then be harvested at hunting ranches. These ranches can keep the animals inside a fenced area during the hunt, so long as the area meets a certain size requirement.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to increasing the number of non-native species that can be raised in captivity and used for hunting inside penned areas. Hunting is a proud part of Wisconsin's heritage, and I support ethical hunting based on the principle of fair chase.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Every Governor