July 3, 2014

Senators Andrew Brock, Brent Jackson, and Trudy Wade
North Carolina Senate
North Carolina General Assembly
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Senators Brock, Jackson and Wade,

On behalf of the more than 160 members of the North Carolina Chapter of The Wildlife Society (NCTWS), many of whom are professional wildlife biologists working in North Carolina, we wish to express our opposition to Senate Bill 734, Section 3.28, G.S. 113-300.2 (Pesticide Use for Moles). We are opposed to the declaration of the NC Pesticide Board to re-classify Eastern moles (Scalopus aquaticus) and Hairy-tailed moles (Parascalops breweri) as pests, and to issue regulatory guidelines for their removal and control using the pesticide Talpirid. The Pesticide Board should not register any pesticide for moles because of secondary poisoning effects on non-target wildlife. The NCTWS supports the past position of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) in refusing to concur with proposals to use pesticides for mole control.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Baranski
Chair, Conservation Committee
North Carolina Chapter of The Wildlife Society