



NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Testimony of John Bradley North Dakota Wildlife Federation House Bill 1120 House Energy & Natural Resources Committee January 21, 2021

Chairman Porter, members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

For the record, I am John Bradley, Executive Director of the North Dakota Wildlife Federation (NDWF). I am here today representing our 1,500 members and 15 affiliated wildlife and sportsmen's club across North Dakota.

It's tough to come out against a bill that benefits veterans. NDWF believes in an equitable opportunity for residents in the deer lottery system. Passage of HB 1120 would set a precedent for other special groups to come in and demand special treatment, which would defeat the point of deer lottery system.

We believe this bill would also impact specific deer units in North Dakota. As the bill is written, it would allow a disabled veteran to select any unit good for either species. We believe that this could have a negative impact on the number of mule deer licenses available in the lottery in units like 4D or 4C.

Lastly, there are non-profits out there that are doing the important work of getting disabled veterans into the field, such as the Veterans Outdoors Adventures North Dakota and the Injured Military Wildlife Project of North Dakota. The latter receives 10 tags from Game & Fish, 4 any species tag, and 6 whitetail tags. NDWF urges a do not pass on HB 1120.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that the committee might have.

