



NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

**TESTIMONY OF JOHN BRADLEY
NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION
HOUSE BILL 1414
HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 3, 2023**

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

For the record, I am John Bradley, executive director of the North Dakota Wildlife Federation. I'm here today representing our thousands of members in 15 affiliated wildlife and sportsmen's clubs across North Dakota that make up the North Dakota Wildlife Federation.

The North Dakota Wildlife Federation opposes HB 1414. NDWF has a strong track record of defending resident hunting rights from bills that look to expand non-resident hunting in the state.

We believe that the current non-resident license fees are fair and well established. With North Dakota's small game licenses one of the lowest in the region, another license should not be created to accommodate additional small game hunting opportunities for nonresidents.

NDWF also believes that this would create an administrative nightmare for the licensing section of the Game & Fish Department and would be very hard for North Dakota's conservation officers to enforce.

We urge a Do Not Pass on HB 1414.