

I wanted to reach out to you and share my reasons on why we should support the passing of HB1151. My main reason for writing to you today is because I have a 15 year old daughter with Cerebral Palsy that loves to hunt. She uses a wheelchair because she can't walk and has very limited use of her left hand. She uses a crossbow and a tripod to archery hunt. With the baiting ban her chances of getting a deer to stand in front of her, find it in the scope and have it stand still long enough to get a shot has become nearly impossible. We don't have the means to plant food plots (which congregate a lot more deer but are LEGAL) to get deer in front of her. Spot and stalk isn't an option for her and hunting deer on a trail is extremely hard to get everything to come together and make the shot. At the very least there should be a rule to allow baiting for disabled hunters. Because lets be honest, the baiting ban is an ETHICS issue to the ones pushing it, NOT a disease issue!

NDGF has been pushing a baiting ban in the name of CWD for years. This couldn't be any further from the truth though. Aside from the ethics arguments another reason for the baiting ban is to lower the archery success so there can be more rifle tags sold, therefore increasing their financial situation. NDGF banned baiting in Morton county years ago to start out. For the years after they did this the NDGF continued to do diversion feeding programs where I hunted (Melvin Fisher's). They would dump bushels of oats and move oats bales a couple hundred yards away from his hay yard to keep the deer out of his bales. The following year they went to him and asked if they could trap turkeys in his bales for relocation. They made a horseshoe shape out of his round bales, backed a trailer loaded with oats and dumped it in his hay yard. This brought in the turkeys to be trapped but also brought herds of deer to congregate and winter in and on his bales the rest of the year... If they were so worried about CWD, why would they do this? You can drive by sunflower and corn fields during winter months and see hundreds of deer "yarded up" once hunting season is over. Dumping a bucket of corn to get a deer to stop long enough to get a shot is not causing a disease epidemic. There is a lot more I could write on this debate but I will keep it short. THANK YOU for considering voting HB1151 through.

I attached a few pictures of my daughter's only successful hunt. Which came over less than a bushel of spread out corn.

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