



## NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

### **TESTIMONY OF JOHN BRADLEY NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION SENATE BILL 2036 HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MARCH 11TH, 2021**

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

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

**The North Dakota Wildlife Federation rises in support of SB 2036.** This bill continues the dialog started between sportsmen and women, landowners, and legislators. The Interim Legislative Committee on Access made important progress on electronic posting and criminal trespass. This study will allow the committee to monitor and make any needed adjustments as electronic posting is rolled out across North Dakota's landscape.

This committee is also tasked to study issues relating to hunting and angling access. This is a critically important part for North Dakota's hunters and anglers. This should include studying the process that NDG&F and NGOs must go through to purchase land for hunting, angling, and other recreation. As well as looking at NDG&F's PLOTS program and how we can get more private acres enrolled, working with neighboring landowners to obtain access to landlocked public land tracts. And finally fishing access issues across the state and any other access issue that sportsmen and women identify.

The Interim Committee on Access made tremendous strides in landowner-sportsmen relations, but there is still plenty work left to be done. SB 2036 is a good step to identify and make recommendations regarding hunting and angling access on public and private land and we encourage a Unanimous Do Pass from this committee.

I will stand for any questions that the committee may have. Thank you.