



NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

TESTIMONY OF JOHN BRADLEY NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION SENATE BILL 2037 SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE JANUARY 14, 2021

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

For the record, I am John Bradley, Executive Director of the North Dakota Wildlife Federation.

We rise in opposition to SB 2037. The sportsmen representatives of the Interim Committee on Access voted against this bill during the last committee meeting. NDWF opposes SB2037. This bill is a no-trespass bill because it makes entering “fenced” land a violation (class B misdemeanor) for both criminal and hunting and angling trespass. There is no exemption for hunting and angling. It also removes the need for a sign to have a name making it more difficult for hunters and anglers to contact landowners to ask permission to hunt or fish.

Since this bill came out of the Interim Committee on Access, Senator Erbele did a ton of work with all members of the committee, as well as the landowner and sporting community to get to where we are today with SB 2144. We thank the senator for all of his work. We urge the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee vote down SB 2037 and move SB 2144 forward.

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