

Attn:

Rep. Todd Porter

Rep. Dick Anderson

Rep. Glenn Bosch

Rep. Jason Dockter

Rep. Jared Hagert

Rep. Pat Heinert

Rep. Jim Kasper

Rep. Andrew Marschall

Rep. Anna S. Novak

Rep. Jeremy Olson

Rep. Shannon Roers Jones

Rep. Matthew Ruby

Rep. Liz Conmy

Rep. Zachary Ista

RE: HB 1151

Dear Energy and Natural Resource Committee,

This letter is to express my support of the above referenced Bill.

Dear Representatives,

I support this Bill, because I believe it is crucial to the future of hunting in ND. The future lies in the hands of our youth hunters, which many would not have the opportunity to hunt, if not for baiting. Rapid increase of posted lands restrict hunting more and more every day, and limit youth hunters opportunities, not to mention ethical shots, if you cannot bring game into range, or onto land available to these hunters.

Also, my father is handicapped, and has had to quit archery hunting, because he cannot get into a treestand, or access a blind on game trails, or other habitat where deer are within range to harvest. He was able to hunt deer when baiting was allowed, and enjoyed archery season, especially when you only draw a gun tag every 4-6 years. Archery hunting in ND is a tradition, and baiting is a very important tool, that should be allowed, so everyone of all ages can enjoy our great outdoors. Thank you

Sincerely,

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Date: 01/17/2023

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