

Hello committee members I am writing this to letter in support of HB1151. I am a life long outdoorsman I have grown up bowhunting rifle hunting upland and waterfowl hunting and predator hunting. I have spent many hours in our great outdoors observing wildlife. As of recent the NDGF has implemented baiting bans on units in the western half of the state. This has ended a lot of opportunities for many people in the outdoors. Baiting will not spread disease any faster than one winter or one cycle of the rut. Deer are social animals that interact with one another year round. Our game and fish has tested 40,000 animals in 20 yrs and found 70 positive cases all of which were killed by bullets or arrows. The rules state you cannot hunt over bait but you can still bait. So the only time it spreads disease is when the hunter enters the equation. Without baiting my archery hunting will be a thing of the past and my children will never get to experience the thrill and exciting times Ive gotten to spend in the outdoor. Please suggest a do pass recommendation on HB1151 and lets enjoy the outdoors.

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