

Dear Energy and Natural Resource Committee,

This letter is to express my support for HB1151.

My name is Karson Backer, and I currently live in Dickinson, North Dakota. I know a multitude of friends, family, and coworkers that are avid hunters, and this bill will greatly affect the way they hunt, or if they are able to hunt at all. I used to hunt when I was in middle school and early high school, but since then my passion for the activity has faded. Nonetheless, my family relies on the meat produced each deer season to carry us through the years and feed our extended families. I live with my fiancé, my brother lives with his girlfriend, and my parents live together. These three households all are fed by the deer hunted on an annual basis, and the decision of this bill may decide whether or not we can continue to live off of the land, as God has intended. This meat is not only food for our bodies, but is a place for my family to come together and bond. Every year we take one-to-three days to process the meat from that year's hunt(s), and this quality time is precious to our family, as it brings us together for an occasion that is not simply a major holiday.

Please take this testimony into account when making a decision. This bill will be affecting more than those who are avid hunters.

Have a blessed day

Karson Backer