

To Whom It May Concern

In regard to HB1151

I am in favor of baiting deer in ND for hunting.

Yes, I believe CWD is a thing, however any ND resident that looks out the window today going down the highway or the farm to market roads can see the deer yarded up. I have listened to countless hours on both sides of the issue and think CWD has received all this attention in regard to a federal bill close to 500 million dollars on CWD Research, How do I get some of that?

I have seen a lot of deer in my lifetime die from EHD and ND Blizzards, we should focus our efforts on those two causes and work to better solutions.

I have a 77-year-old mother, who is a pancreatic cancer survivor, and an 80 year old father who was a bricklayer, I have two daughters that are just getting into hunting. My brother and I bought a quarter of land in 2014 and have planted thousands of trees and made the land better we removed 100 acres of pasture and let it grow wild, because there is a river that runs through it. We plan to bait because our family getting together to deer hunt is important, I think that could be said for most NODAKS.

The places where deer were during the hunting season are gone to bigger groups even if baited.

Is it legal to bait deer for photography, but we are then unable to hunt take an animal through baiting?

The NDBA severely discredited themselves with their letter, not even a membership vote? I was a lifetime member and am in the process of removing my membership.

There is no clear science whatsoever on CWD, Always a fatal disease? and science based restrictions? This sounds exactly the way Covid was peddled and only a few people know whats best and you have to listen to them?!

The absolute waste of tax dollars on CWD is absurd and should be investigated.

Sincerely

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