

To Whom it concerns,

My name is Roy Aafedt and I own over 1000

Acres of land in the state of North Dakota. I am completely opposed to the NDGF having the authority to ban deer baiting on private land. I will give many reasons why I support baiting.

1. I grow trees and if deer populations are not managed it makes it

literally impossible to grow trees. A number of years ago when Randy Kriel

was the Biologist for the NDGF and I grew trees south of Fargo with considerable damage from deer the advice given to me was to and shoot. That seemed to work very well and I invited many bow and gun hunters to harvest

deer and in turn limited the damage caused from deer. In 1997 I counted as many as 116 deer wintering on my property and after that point reduced the deer population through baiting and hunting to manageable levels. Without baiting it would have been a disaster.

2. I am involved in a Nonprofit located in

ND that takes terminally

ill children and combat disabled veterans hunting. Without the ability to bait because of there health issues the programs we offer would have very little success. We have private land owners that are generous enough to

offer a place for these folks to hunt and bait for success.

3. Baiting also allows me as a land owner to allow bow hunters after

rifle season to have success harvesting deer if we feel the numbers are to

high going into the winter. Without out this option it could be devastating.

4. The science on CWD does not seem to support what is being proposed by the NDGF and I feel it just a way for the

NDGF to control land owners from managing their own properties. Owning land in 3F2 and not ever finding a deer dying tells me it is not as big of a problem that would justify banning baiting

Sincerely

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