

Hello. I am writing to express my support for bill HB1151. I am a lifelong North Dakota resident and hunter. Some of my best memories growing up were sitting in a ground blind or tree stand waiting for deer to show up. Up close encounters with the deer are thrilling and bow hunting has been in my blood since I was a child. I'd dump a 50 pound bag of corn and it allowed me to see numerous animals on every trip to the woods.

I am a father of 5 kids. I would love for all of my children to also become bow hunters and experience that excitement. My oldest daughter is 11 and just able to start bow hunting. Currently the game and fish have prohibited hunting over bait in my hunting unit due to fears of CWD. As an average hunter, without owning private lands or the means to put in food plots, taking my daughter into the woods to shoot a deer with her bow is now extremely difficult. It is hard to gain new youth bow hunters with the thought of endless hours on stand without getting those up close encounters with the deer. I would appreciate it if you could support the bill to eliminate the power of the NDGF to unilaterally prohibit baiting for lawful hunting.

Thank you for your time,

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