

Dear Energy and Natural Resource Committee

This letter is to express my support for HB 1151.

I have been an outdoorsman my whole life. Some of my fondest memories are hunting with my family and friends. This bait ban seems like a total government over reach to me. We have had "follow the Science" jammed down our throats for the past two years. I don't see the science. In the past 20 years 40,000 healthy harvested deer tested, 70 positives, 69 hunters harvested and 1 found dead rule cwd, that's less then 1%. Deer are social animals that naturally herd. Bait or no bait when it's 20 below in ND the deer are herded up. I don't understand why it's alright for animal watchers and photographers to feed deer but a hunter can't put out a bait pile. The people that are being hurt the most by the bait ban are the youth and handicap hunters. For these reasons I support HB 1151.