

I am opposed to House Bill 1151. I find the reasoning used to bait deer to be illogical.

The practice of baiting, no matter the amount used, draws deer away from others. This is called herd privatization. In all reality, this is where the real loss of opportunity lies.

Other consequences of baiting include land price increases, out of state manipulation, corporate canned hunting, and the disruption of multi-generational ranching practices and neighbor cooperation.

In addition to CWD, there are other illnesses that need to be considered such as Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, and Acidosis.

In closing, I recommend we trust the professionals at North Dakota Game and Fish Department. We need to support them in keeping all of our wildlife as healthy as possible, not fight them thinking we know better.

I urge our legislators to not let this nonsensical Bill out of the gate.

Thank you.

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