

To the members of the Natural Resources committee.

We have charged the Game and Fish Department with the responsibility of managing our wildlife resources that have been placed in the public trust. These wildlife professionals have been trained to use science-based and current best practices to manage our resources for hunters and non-hunters alike. This bill should not move forward as it limits the Game and Fish's ability to respond to not only CWD, but any future situations which may arise. If defeated, no sportsman in ND will lose their opportunity to hunt. It could possibly eliminate one method. It may make it more difficult for some. There is much we don't know about CWD. I do believe the best people to follow the science both here, and around the country, are the professionals we have in place to do their very best to manage our resources. This cannot be done every other year by legislators. I would ask everyone if they are more worried about a single method of hunting, or the continued health and maintenance of our resources by trained professionals. Thank you.