

Attn:

Rep. Todd Porter

Rep. Dick Anderson

Rep. Glenn Bosch

Rep. Jason Hagert

Rep. Pat Heinert

Rep. Jim Kasper

Rep. Andrew Marschall

Rep. Anna S. Novak

Rep. Jeremy Olson

Rep. Shannon Roers Jones

Rep. Matthew Ruby

Rep. Liz Conmy

Rep. Zachary Ista

RE: HB 1151

Dear Energy and Natural Resource Committee,

This letter is to express my support of the above referenced bill.

My name is Heather Hanson. I am not a hunter, so baiting doesn't affect me directly. Since 2009, my husband and I have volunteered for an organization called Twist of Fate. This organization provides individuals with physical limitations an opportunity to bow hunt. This hunt takes place once a year in September. About two weeks prior to the hunt, baiting takes place, to draw the whitetail deer onto the land. If anything, I feel the ND Fish and Game should make an exemption for people with physical challenges and organizations, like Twist of Fate. In this day in age, aren't we looking to be more inclusive and supportive of people with disabilities? Creating a law that "bans" baiting, will hurt our organization. Many feel they wouldn't be able to hunt due to physical limitations, but when they can harvest a deer during the Twist of Fate weekend, their eyes lighten up. I am not saying that a person with a physical challenge can only harvest a deer with baiting, I am saying it make it easier for the individual, due to their physical limitations. I feel our country is becoming all about laws, laws, laws. What we can do and what we can't do. I don't understand why there needs to be a law to ban baiting. If there is a ban on baiting. As mentioned earlier, I feel there should be an exemption or permit to allow organizations like Twist of Fate, to bait. It's one time per year! Not allowing our organization to bait, will affect many physically challenged hunters and actually make it more of a challenge to harvest a deer and enjoy the sport of hunting.

Sincerely,

Heather K Hanson

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