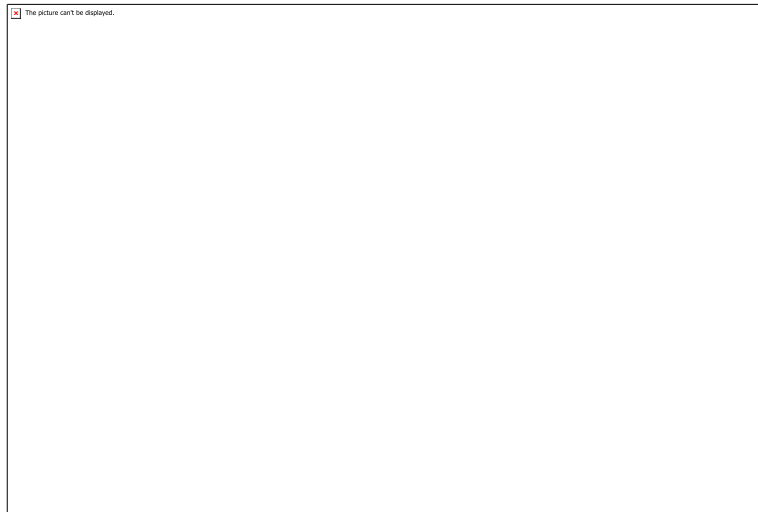


Dear Members of the Natural Resource Committee,

I am writing to you regarding HB 1151. I support this legislation. I have read some of the testimony responses posted so far and the reoccurring stance in opposition is NDG&F not being able to do their job.

I think that this is a non-issue.



The NDG&F has biologists that have the best interests in mind for wildlife. But the NDG&F Administration only has politics and power in mind. NDG&F is using baiting and CWD to manipulate deer hunting in ND.

If baiting and CWD are such terrible things. Then NDG&F should have an issue with deer congregating in mass amounts during the winter months.

I run a cattle feedlot in McHenry County. During the winter months there are hundreds of deer eating on my feed supplies. I used to get upset that they were eating so much feed. But now I just accept it and know that they have to eat somewhere to survive.

NDG&F doesn't condone this practice. They only act if the rancher complains about the deer. If no complaint is filed, then the deer survive the winter and go back to their normal environment in the spring. Then the cycle starts all over again the next winter.

I'm sure my comments will get some people worked up. But this is my view and I apologize for nothing.

Thank you for your time.

Joseph Matehs