

RE: HB 1151

Dear Energy and Natural Resource Committee,

This letter is to express my support for HB 1151.

I would like to first start out by explaining that I am not only for the support of baiting for myself but also for the future outdoors men and women of our great state. Not only has being able to bait allowed me to have more success in the field but it has also made for better and more enjoyable experiences. I understand that the true meaning of being an outdoorsman isn't just about the success of harvesting an animal but the part of harvesting an animal being an end goal is something we all strive for. I think when you look at the numbers and the statistics of how little baiting contributes to CWD you would be able to draw a simple solution that this obviously is not something that would help reach a common goal of preserving the heard.

I also believe that if there was to be a rule change of implementing no baiting throughout the state that you would see the addition of new hunters in our state decline as the success rate for hunters would greatly decrease and hunters would become bored or irritated of spending consecutive sits and many hours in the woods without potentially having success or even seeing deer.

I am all for preserving the wildlife in our state, but I don't believe that this bill supports that, and I believe it will cause more harm than good for our hunters in this state.

Sincerely,

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