

Dear committee, My name is Jeff Jacob, I am writing testimony today, to tell you that I am in favor of house bill 1151. But before I start my testimony, there is one item I would like to bring up and get it out of the way right away. Whether you are for the bill, or against!!! is a big word called ETHICS!!!! Should you hear any testimony that has ethics involved, it should be removed. And not considered. None of use have had the chance to walk in each others shoes and everybody has there own limitations . So we can leave this out of it.

I am a North Dakota native and have been hunting and fishing in this state my whole life. At first I hunted everything from from birds, waterfowl, big game and predators. The last 30 years I have found myself mainly Bowhunting white tailed deer in the state. I spend from early summer to winter in the deer woods and enjoy every second I have with them in their environment. One of the biggest rewards I enjoy is the planting of the food plots, and watching them grow. other part is the reward of all the wildlife you attract. For the purpose of watching or hunting. But if you put supplemental food on the ground you can watch, but you can't hunt. Everybody doesn't the same opportunities as the next person does, but they love the sport just the same. Doesn't it make since if you place supplemental food in a location, to attract a few deer to hunt that you are dispersing the heard. Those deer wouldn't be there in the first place. We all know deer are social animals, there is nothing we can do about that. There is no science that says the supplemental feeding of deer is what is spreading CWD. The states with the highest rate of CWD haven't allowed baiting for 2 decades. But yet the rate of positives keeps growing. Hunting still has to to be the best management tool we have, for controlling numbers and disease. But the only management of CWD is the removal of baiting or supplemental feeding, that's all we have come up with the MILLIONS that have been spent on this disease. Note as this bill is being heard we have had a rough winter for the deer in this state, with beards reaching in the hundreds, in several places in nd. But putting out some supplemental for the deer and wildlife is hurting them. Are we not breaking up the heard, for less nose to nose contact. Please vote in favor of bill 1151.

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