

HOUSE BILL 1233 – YOUTH DEER SEASON

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, MY NAME IS KENDALL JONES AND I AM WRITING IN SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE BILL 1233 RELATING TO YOUTH WHITE TAIL DEER PERMITS. THIS BILL CHANGES ONLY A SMALL PART OF THE EXISTING LAW THAT WOULD ALLOW YOUTH HUNTERS IN NORTH DAKOTA TO HUNT IN THE REGULAR NORTH DAKOTA WHITETAIL SEASON IN ADDITION TO THEIR DESIGNATED YOUTH SEASON. I PERSONALLY HAVE BEEN HUNTING IN NORTH DAKOTA FOR 5 YEARS, EVEN LONGER BY MY DAD'S SIDE AND I BELIEVE THIS BILL COULD IMPROVE THE HUNTING EXPERIENCE FOR YOUNGER HUNTERS BY GIVING THEM MORE TIME TO FILL ANY ACQUIRED TAGS AND HELP RESOLVE SCHEDULING CONFLICTS. BECAUSE MANY YOUNG PEOPLE ARE IN ACTIVITIES IN THE FALL, TWO WEEKS IS SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH TIME FOR OUR HUNTERS AND WEATHER CONDITIONS CAN COMPLICATE HUNTING FURTHER. ONCE AGAIN, I SUPPORT A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION ON HOUSE BILL 1233.