

Chairman Porter and Members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

HB 1377

Please give HB 1377 a DO NOT PASS by your Committee.

It's hard enough to draw an antlered deer buck tag for ND Resident Hunters or any deer tag for that matter.

This bill will only make it more difficult. One deer hunter could get 9 other relatives or family members that don't even hunt to apply and then shoot all the deer for them. The non-hunters would only add to the total pool of applicants there by decreasing the odds for all other applicants.

Another example – 5 very good deer hunters could get 5 other non-hunters to apply with them and then shoot all the deer for the group thereby increasing the total deer kill success. This could result in less tags being issued for a unit the following year, hence less tags available and less odds for drawing tags for everyone else.

Expanding hunter numbers and potential hunting success when the deer have already experienced a very difficult winter will most likely result in not only higher winterkill survival but will also likely result in less fawn survival this year.

Please give HB 1377 a DO NOT PASS.

Thank you for your consideration,

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