

My name is Wayne Haag, and I've been an avid outdoorsman in North Dakota for the last 40 years. I've only recently (past 10 years) utilized bait to harvest deer. For most of my life I was a deer gun hunter exclusively, but as my son got older and grew to cherish the outdoors as much as I have, his interest in bow hunting has brought on a new interest for me as well. Together we have been bow hunting for last 10 years and have been using bait to do so. When my son was young and for me just starting out, it gave us an opportunity to be able to get close to deer and take an ethical shot at a known yard that we practiced at.

Deer are natural herd animals... between spending time in bachelor groups in the summer, or congregated in the winter or using the same food plot or scrape as other deer, they have contact with a number of other deer year around, and the data that has been released does not back that a baiting restriction has helped slow the spread.

For these reasons I Support HB 1151.

Sincerely,

Wayne Haag

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