

Chairman Patten and Members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resource Committee,

My name is Russell Wahl, and I would like you to oppose HB 1151. In my lifetime (83 years), I have watched wildlife go from almost non-existent to flourishing in North Dakota. All North Dakotans have benefited from the work of the North Dakota Game and Fish to bring wildlife back. We have an enormous wealth of hunting opportunity thanks to the work of the Game and Fish.

It is an understatement to say that it would be silly to abandon the department's wildlife professionals and their work over the last 90 years in favor of a small demographic of hunters who want to shoot deer over a corn pile. That very idea is silly.

Future generations rely on current generations to treat our natural resources wisely, so that they may enjoy the same traditions I have enjoyed throughout my life. My grandchildren and great grandchildren are owed that much. It is our duty to ensure we do everything we can to hand off our deer herd in the best shape possible to future generations.

Please oppose HB 1151

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