

Hello

Chad Miller here from Glen Ullin ND.

I am writing to let you know that I hope you support HB1151. It really does affect the way we hunt in our area. The ban on baiting that the game and fish decided to put on us last year in the name of cwd had no basis. EHD "blue tongue" is the real killer of deer, it basically wiped out our herd in the Glen Ullin area. This ban made no sense, I can't put out a bucket of apples or corn to bring in a hand full of deer for 2 weeks. Yet if I am a land owner I can plant a couple acres of corn and not harvest it and bring in dozens of deer from all over the area that lay on top of each other through the winter and that's just fine. Our G&F supports these food/bait plots and even has a new program this year to help land owners pay for theirs..why is this?? Why do they want to congregate all the deer into a couple of acres all winter if CWD is such a threat?

I am disabled, I have to use a crossbow mounted on a tripod. It would be almost impossible for me to lug that setup all over the place trying to stalk deer. We also get alot of kids into hunting this way, it offers a clean ethical shot at a standing target. I don't know a single landowner in my area that supports the Game and fish's ban on baiting, making them a criminal on their own property. I have no problem limiting the amount to 50 gallons either, that's fine.

All you need to do is look at all the other states that have spent millions trying to get rid of cwd and have failed. If baiting was the problem Texas would be overrun with CWD and they aren't. And they bait a thousand times more than we do here in ND

Please support HB 1151. Have the game and fish start dealing with EHD, it has wiped out 90% of the deer in our area after back to back years of it. CWD didn't kill them EHD blue tongue did!

Thank you
Chad Miller
Glen Ullin