

RE: Support of Bill HB 1151

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I am in favor of this bill. I am a private landowner. We live in a heavily wooded area with a high deer population. We are ranchers, so we have our hay supply stored around the farm. Most winters we have hundreds of deer that congregate around our hay. If CWD is so dangerous, why aren't we seeing this spread through the deer and affecting the population? It is hard to understand why using a small amount of bait that would draw a handful of deer is more of a problem than when deer naturally congregate by the hundreds.

I am also in a family of hunters. Our children were able to learn about deer, watching them over bait. It is much more engaging for the younger hunters to watch deer come in to bait, so they are more likely to get enjoyment out of the sport. Our grandchildren will soon be of hunting age, and we would like to encourage the sport. Also, as we age, hunting over bait will help us to enjoy the sport longer.

I urge you to vote in favor of this bill.

Sincerely,

Lisa Thorp