

## Testimony in Favor of Bill 1151

Senate Natural Resources Committee

My name is Kimberly Thompson from Antler ND. I am speaking in favor of Bill 1151. Please consider my perspective as someone who is very concerned with the consequences of your decision regarding this bill as it relates to my families' hunting traditions that have been anticipated and treasured for decades and also the ability of the citizens of this state to have a voice in the regulations of those traditions.

This very bill is an example of how unelected government agencies can be held accountable and questioned on their proclamations.

Please consider the following questions:

Is it possible that the data of science can be manipulated, skewed or conveniently ignored to support the agenda of the "experts"?

Would we the citizens have any effective recourse to challenge these dictates and proclamations if our voices are not respected.

If in unit 3F2, hunting over bait has been banned for over a decade and the number of deer with CWD is steadily increasing can you continue to claim there is a cause and effect.

If the NDG&F fund the planting of food plots for deer and as a result, hundreds, yes, hundreds of deer congregate in a small acreage, is that considered to be a factor in the transference of CWD?

Is it irrefutable and definitive science regarding CWD that is being used by the experts or is it the "interpretation" of chosen data.

The consequences are significant. They are reflected in my concerns regarding the decades of my families' hunting traditions being impacted. There is nothing more rewarding then to see the relationship that my brother has fostered with his children while bow hunting. First his sons and now his daughter. Sitting for hours at a time, day after day waiting patiently, and watching the natural habits of many animals and birds. This time spent together is priceless. The result is priceless. My nephews and my niece are outstanding young people that I am very proud of. Respectful of nature, all life and the ethical aspects of hunting.

These bow hunting opportunities have been generously extended to others also. Many young people, older people, friends and new acquaintances have had a successful and memorable experience bow hunting on our farm/ranch. They are also appreciative of the deer they harvest to use the venison for their families. By achieving a targeted and successful shot the deer is quickly found and the meat is not spoiled by the deer running a long distance. This is a significant benefit for many families nowadays.

Please place these concerns amongst those you seriously consider. I urge you to vote in favor of Bill 1151. Thank you very much for your time you have generously given.