

SB 1156

Senators,

Please vote in favor of this bill. Baiting is wanted in North Dakota and I think the people have shown their feelings in the matter. I have yet to see facts from science that show this disease is a large threat to deer populations across the state. Matter of fact all the rest of the states in the US that have baiting bans have failed to stop CWD, but the numbers of CWD infections are microscopic when compared to the number of deer. We had 24 cases in the state in 2022. How many deer get hit by cars in North Dakota? Id bet its more than 24 deer a year. My mind could be changed if science could show us that CWD was spreading rapidly and was an actual threat to deer populations. Most scientists and biologists agree that deer can live for numerous years with CWD, 6-7-8-9 years even. This is protecting hunters rights. We are tying the hands of game and fish, but this law can always be reversed in the future, if CWD does suddenly start killing our deer at a rate that is significant. 24 deer last year that were killed by other means and then tested positive for CWD is not a significant number. As I stated earlier, more deer die from vehicle collisions than CWD. Id also like the bird feeder and property line rules taken out completely. What does a bird feeder have to do with CWD, likewise what does a property line have to do with CWD. Restrictions on property lines is a just an attack on property rights.

Thanks

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