

My name is Krista Lundgren. I am submitting testimony in opposition to HB 1151.

I am a lifelong resident hunter of deer, pheasants, grouse, and waterfowl in our state. This past year I was fortunate enough to draw a resident moose tag. I also volunteer my time as a Hunter Education instructor.

This bill is important to me because I fully support management of this state's wildlife resources based on best scientific knowledge. This bill directly jeopardizes our professionals' management ability.

I value our deer, elk, and moose populations in the state. The current CWD restrictions prohibited me from bringing my moose home whole in the carcass, but I was glad to do it. It was a small ask to contribute to longer moose hunting opportunities into the future.

I personally am successful without the use of baits, but I do not see allowing or disallowing baiting as a main driver of hunting interest or success. I do see the spread of CWD or other diseases as a threat to our deer, elk, and moose populations on top of the pressures they already face-especially lack of quality habitat.

I strongly urge you to vote no, and to keep wildlife management decisions in the power of professionals who base their decisions on the supporting science and public input.

Thinking about the future: for my daughters and all hunters,

Krista Lundgren