

My family and I are in support of HB 1151, NDGF says you can feed/bait deer all year but when it becomes hunted over it somehow causes CWD which is obscured. Deer in ND go through tough winters and have to find food sources and it's a proven fact that if deer have a good nutrition source they can fight off CWD. Deer can live beyond 8yrs with CWD and our deer just simply don't make it that long in the state if ND with our harsh winters and many other factors.

Baiting is an important part of hunting and a way our family has hunted for generations, when we are on private land it should be OUR choice! Baiting makes for ethical shots especially for the beginner hunters. I had our new local warden this last fall (22) tell me that my bait pile was unethical on private land in a zone that it is completely legal to bait, which leads me to believe this isn't a CWD issue and that NDGF is pushing an agenda.

In the end it has been a way of life for ND hunters, I believe we need to be able to bait to make ethical shots especially for youth and disabled hunters. Thanks again for hearing me out and lets pass HB 1151 and keep it a ND way of hunting like it has been!