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House Energy and Natural Resource Committee
RE: HB 1236

IN SUPPORT

The federal government to the tune of over $1billion seems to be in control of the financing and narrative for CWD, therefore, I feel it completely unnecessary for the people of North Dakota to continue to finance a hypothesis that the North Dakota Game and Fish has chosen to follow.

October 2022 Federal Grant

   "Shifting Behaviors to Lower the Risk of CWD; a multi-media approach"= $96,300

A campaign of HUMAN DIMENSIONS that were focused on the people of North Dakota to believe what the Agency is reporting them to believe.

October 2024 Federal Grant

   "Cultivating Long Term Engagement with a Long Term Issue" = $168,723

Social media, email marketing, display ads, search engine marketing, content marketing, video webcast, podcast, print advertising, magazines, billboards, television, radio, direct mail, public meetings, vendor events, NDSU bison game in game feature.

Another campaign of HUMAN DIMENSIONS focusing on the people of North Dakota instead of the deer. North Dakota was one of 16 states that was approved from this pocket of funds.

Imagine what all this money ($265,023) could have been invested in FOR the deer of North Dakota to provide habitat, flourish food sources, and promote well being.

North Dakota hunting and fishing license and application fees totally $919,612 since 2007 has been used towards CWD.

It is apparent that the NDGF has abundant grant writing abilities therefore, are capable to acquire funds that they feel need be used for the CWD narrative. It is quite concerning the amount of money that is being expended on HUMAN DIMENSIONs to convince the people of North Dakota to think a certain way about CWD.

That is an average of $54,094 a year of NORTH DAKOTA sportsmen money spent on CWD. What is this being used for? Testing? Wages? More human dimensions?

This spending seems to convey undermining and leads to distrust.

HB 1236 should be an easy **IN SUPPORT** as you support the wishes of the people of North Dakota.

Respectfully,

Pat Backer