

The hearing is scheduled for 9 AM Friday 24 January in the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

To: Members in the House Energy and Natural Resources committee

I would like to request a yes vote for HB 2137. It doesn't make sense for us to purchase the same license multiple times to hunt our own land. It's fundamentally unfair. The current law is excessive. Perhaps there needs to be a definition of the difference between nonresident who **“does not”** pays taxes and the nonresident land owner **“who pays state income tax and property taxes”**.

In regard to our families there are 5 siblings that own approximately 4,000 acres plus of farmland in the medina area. 3 of the siblings are non-resident. All of us own more than a section of land. All the siblings were born in North Dakota and raised in Medina. We contribute the same state and property taxes as everyone else.

I attended the Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting “Habitat Hunting Access Summit” some of you were present. Gov. Armstrong spoke to the value of family hunting together and further the bonds that develop in the traditions of family hunting.

By voting yes for HB 2137 helps to achieve that goal.

Thank you for addressing this matter. If I can be of any assistance, please let me know?

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