

First off thank you for your consideration of this bill and your service to the people of ND in your respective districts. I am a lifelong resident of ND, I am also a landowner and outdoorsman. I understand ND Game and Fish is asking for an increase in license fees this session. While I understand the cost of almost everything has risen over the last few years I feel ND residents are not getting the best bang for our buck so say. Talk to hunters and you will hear many are disappointed with deer numbers which is directly related to opportunity. We have heard numerous times this session that we must trust the experts and legislative action would handicap ND Game and Fish. I ask you to consider what other avenues the people of ND have in this matter since the ND Game and Fish director is not an elected position so the people have no recourse for accountability except to reach out to our legislature. Contrary to what these same groups would like you to think you are our voice and I feel have a duty through legislation to create direction for the department. As an outdoorsman and landowner I feel we are not being heard unless we are part of a larger group, many who oppose any action from the legislature to create some control in regards to ND game and fish. I am passionate about the outdoors and the success of our wildlife populations, over the years my reason for that passion has changed . As a father of 2 I want the ability to pass the outdoor traditions most of us value down to my kids which currently drive my passion for the outdoors and opportunities we have. We have spent an enormous amount of money on CWD and as we have heard during testimony on other bills we have little to no research data of value in ND, much that has been presented has been from other states. I feel this money should be spent on other things besides CWD such as habitat or more private partnerships like PLOTS that have been proven to have value. These things help our wildlife population and also create opportunity for people. I ask you to support this bill because at the end of the day we must trust money being allocated to ND game and fish is being spent with some responsibility to the people. Furthermore I ask you not be fooled into thinking your involvement is not needed or will create a hinderance. Current leadership with ND game and fish has shown they are unwilling to listen to the people so I ask you be our voice and ensure fiscal responsibility. Again thank you for your dedication and service to the people of ND. Sincerely, Travis Jensen