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Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 1236. My name is Cody Hilliard, and I am a lifelong North Dakotan and dedicated outdoorsman. I urge you to give this bill a "Do Pass" recommendation as it strengthens the integrity of our state's wildlife management efforts while aligning with federal guidelines.

HB 1236 ensures that hunting and fishing license fees remain exclusively dedicated to supporting wildlife restoration and departmental programs, unrelated to chronic wasting disease. This measure helps maintain a transparent and focused use of funds, promoting North Dakota's long-standing commitment to responsible conservation practices.

I respectfully ask for your support of HB 1236 to uphold our state's conservation priorities and ensure the sustainable use of our natural resources for future generations. Thank you for your time and consideration.