

Dear Committee members,

I ask for a do pass on HB1236.

North Dakota has experienced a dramatic decline in deer numbers over the past few years. Some due to circumstances that could have been prevented with the use of the funding used for CWD. I do not argue that CWD is on the landscape but somehow our Game and Fish has bought into the narrative The Sky is Falling. The money they receive from the federal level earmarked for CWD could be used to monitor the current situation. The money that we spend as sportsmen on tags and fees should go to better uses. These are things that we can see as results and be proud of. Habitat, and wildlife food plots in wintering areas just to name a couple. These things will benefit all sportsmen and they will see positive results that will build each year.

Thank you for your time.

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