

Good morning all,

I am writing this email in the hopes that it will help in providing enough information for you all as to recommend a **DO NOT PASS** of HB 1237 in its entirety. It has no place being passed, especially given the current status of our greatest natural resource, as well as the lack of quality habitat to sustain them.

As one of the smallest states per capita in the U.S., we still have one of the greatest natural resources to offer the other 49 states: wildlife. This wildlife was, is and always will be managed by the good people of North Dakota and their voices should be heard louder than all others. This wildlife has provided a great economic value to our state and should be regarded and treated as such. It is during times like these when money needs to be spent on conservation efforts for them, so in another 10 years or so, they are that much more prepared for a debilitating winter like the one we just went through in 2022-23. We should not be giving this resource away to others, especially those whom do not contribute fiscally to our great state as tax paying citizens, at a price that is deemed acceptable by a few ill-informed individuals. Our residents are the ones who are here day in and day out, see the crippling effects on the wildlife and what happens when people keep taking and give nothing back.

I want to make it very clear that I am not completely against having non-residents come more often (as this bill would allow). I hunt with them, I am friends with them and appreciate them coming to enjoy our greatest natural resource. I realize that they do contribute to our economy during hunting season, but studies show that it is in no way even close to what is contributed by the **tax-paying citizens** of this state. When the hunting resource is used up, the non-residents will go away and all that will remain is the residents who were slighted if this bill is passed.

I do not in any way, shape or form believe that this should be a resource that is given away for more time, with the same amount of money. I am not a mathematician, nor do I belong to a budget committee, but I do know that allowing the entire season of hunting instead of two 7-day or one 14-day license for the same amount of money, makes no fiscal sense whatsoever.

I know that these few paragraphs have been written to you many times in the same way, by the same type of people like me who oppose this bill, but everyone needs to understand the implications of this type of legislation. When something so valuable is given away so cheaply, **it is bad for the North Dakota wildlife, our hunting heritage, and the people of this great state.** If this bill is to pass, ND will slip into the "pay to play" category of many other states and hunting as we know it will continue to slip down the slope of being eliminated for the everyday person completely.

Please for the sake of our great state, **do not recommend** the passage of this bill. I appreciate your time and pray you do the right thing. I hope to hear from all of you on your stance on this bill.

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