



**BACKCOUNTRY  
HUNTERS & ANGLERS**  
NORTH DAKOTA

**TESTIMONY OF BROCK WAHL  
NORTH DAKOTA BACKCOUNTRY HUNTERS AND ANGLERS  
HOUSE BILL 1237  
HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE  
January XX, 2025**

Chairman Porter and Members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

The North Dakota Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers recommends a Do Not Pass on House Bill 1237 as it is currently written.

HB 1237 would allow non-residents to hunt upland game and small game with a single purchased license with no adjustments in price. This would result in a notable annual revenue loss for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

That funding is necessary to maintain and improve hunting opportunities and to provide support to the wildlife resources in North Dakota. Under current regulations, non-residents can already hunt throughout the year by purchasing multiple licenses. The proposed change would result in a large loss of funds that supports conservation efforts, habitat management, and overall game and fish programs that benefit all hunters, both resident and non-resident.

In order to preserve critical funding for North Dakota's hunting and wildlife management programs, we urge the committee Do Not Pass on HB 1237.

Thank You

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