

Testimony in support of - House Bill No. 1598

“Relating to hunting big game or small game other than waterfowl or cranes with a motor-driven vehicle.”

To whom this may concern,

I appreciate those who've taken the initiative to provide clarity on this issue. I support the language in this bill, as it provides clarity for enforcement, and should provide confidence for sportsmen and women to ensure they're conducting themselves in an ethical and legal fashion while enjoying time in the field.

I'm an owner of hunting land. While it's true we spend time hunting there, we spend disproportionately more time working the land, so to speak. We're planting food plots and tree rows. We're installing fence and hunting blinds. We're creating trails, thermal cover, and water sources for wildlife. We're cleaning up old debris left decades ago by others. We do all of this, not only because it makes for enjoyable hunting for our families, but because we love the land and we're doing everything we can to create something that's typically much better than we found it.

Due to the old language, enjoying this important work could easily be spoiled by a visit from game wardens simply doing their jobs. There's no need to put our game wardens in a position where they feel obligated to write citations for folks ethically enjoying their land, or land they have permission to be on. It'll be a piece of comfort knowing that my family and I can ride our ranger down private trails we've created on land we own, or have permission to be on, without worrying we're breaking the law.

I love the land. I love being an outdoorsman/land conservationist. I'll support anything that promotes the ethical enjoyment of both.

Respectfully-

Nick Dietrich



ndietrich@dietrichfargo.com

(701) 866-9289