

My name is Dean Torfin as a life long ND resident and landowner/hunter, trapper, fishermen and outdoorsman i support SB 2137. As a landowner and hunter I feel I should be able to feed the deer and hunt over it if I want instead of not being able to feed the deer and watch over half of the deer die because of starvation on my land. Deer naturally herd up and congregate weather it be at feed piles or hay and feed yards. ND has lost way more deer to starvation during harsh winters and EHD during dry summers yet no attention is focused on that instead NDGF has spent over 900,000 dollars of license fees on testing and trying to convince ND residents Cwd is fatal which it is not in most cases. ND has been testing deer for over 20 years and only one deer has actually been found dead that had a detection of CWD all the rest of the deer that had a detection were killed by hunters. (Less then 1 percent of deer tested have been detected of CWD). NDGF has put 1.5 million dollars into trying to get us to think this is a fatal disease all the while only 1 deer has been found dead from it. And I emphasize 1.5 million dollars over 1 deer lets use common sense and pass SB2137

Thank you

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