



To: Honorable Members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Re: Senate Bill 2137 – Use of Supplemental Feed for Hunting
Position: Oppose
Date: March 7, 2025

Honorable Members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

On behalf of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF), I respectfully ask that you oppose Senate Bill 2137 (SB 2137), a bill that would strip the North Dakota Game and Fish Department (GFD) of their ability to promulgate certain rules regarding hunting. Specifically, SB 2137 undermines the GFD's ability to adopt or implement any policy that prohibits the use of supplemental feed for the hunting of big game animals on private land. In North Dakota, the GFD is the authority best suited to make science-based wildlife management decisions and should accordingly retain the ability to promulgate rules pertaining to hunting and wildlife.

Founded in 1989, CSF is the informed authority across outdoor issues and serves as the primary conduit for influencing public policy. Working with the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus (CSC), the Governors Sportsmen's Caucus (GSC), and the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC), CSF gives a voice to hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, and trappers on Capitol Hill and throughout state capitals advocating on vital outdoor issues that are the backbone of our nation's conservation legacy.

State fish and wildlife management agencies have long been recognized as the primary and most well-equipped managers of fish and wildlife in their respective states. CSF firmly believes that decisions regarding the management of North Dakota's wildlife should be made by the GFD, which is comprised of capable wildlife biologists that understand the ever-evolving threats to wildlife species and can use this extensive knowledge to make timely adjustments through administrative action. It is crucial that the North Dakota GFD, the agency specifically established by this legislature to protect the storied fish and wildlife resources of North Dakota, retain their ability to practice science-based wildlife management.

CSF respectfully asks the honorable members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee to oppose the passage of Senate Bill 2137, thereby retaining the Game and Fish Department's authority to practice sound science-based wildlife management. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this issue. Should you require additional information on this, or other sportsmen's-related topics, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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