

**To our government leaders in North Dakota
Regarding 69th Legislative Assembly. SB 2137**

Dear Senate, House Energy and Natural Resources Committee Members and Voters,

I am writing to you as a concerned landowner and hunter in North Dakota regarding the 69th Legislative Assembly's SB 2137. This bill poses a significant threat to the effective management of our state's wildlife. It undermines the expertise of our dedicated wildlife management professionals who are educated in the science of our local habitat and wildlife needs. It infringes on my rights when neighbors who use bait to lure animals who live on my property to go to these huge bait piles and feeding stations.

The use of feed for baiting causes wildlife to congregate unnaturally, significantly increasing the risk of disease spread. While some argue that this bill protects landowners' rights, it greatly infringes on my rights and the rights of ethical hunters who do not bait animals with truckloads of feed.

If you are truly committed to safeguarding our environment, ensuring safe hunting for future generations, preventing disease spread, ethical hunting, and protecting the property rights of ALL people who live in North Dakota, we must prioritize banning the use of large amounts of bait and feeding stations. There are so many better options for hunters and landowners.

I urge you not to pass any section of this bill that permits hunting over large amounts of supplemental feed or bait. Also, do not take away the authority to protect our big game animals to the educated staff who know the science of wildlife management.

Do not pass this bill. Our wildlife, natural resources, our state, and our landowners deserve better.

Sincerely,

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