

Committee members my name is Gabe Thompson I ranch and farm in NC ND. I am a grandfather as well as a former instructor in our youth archery club introducing hundreds of kids to archery and the sport of bowhunting and I am asking for a do pass on SB 2137

You will be asked by the opposition to let the experts do their jobs...so lets take a look at those experts track record ..

Back in 2009 as the NDGF and these same opponents to SB2137 attempted to ban all feeding of wildlife we were told by the "experts" if that bill was not passed diseases like CWD would decimate the deer herd ... the legislators listened to the people and the bill failed and feeding was allowed ... we then watched the deer herd grow despite their fear mongering to a point they had to give out 149,000 tags and still couldn't decrease it until mother nature did through a bad winter and starvation and tens of thousands of deer died

Jump forward a decade from that starvation die off ...feeding has been going on every year since 2009

The NDGF can only attribute 1 deer dead with CWD in the wild in 16 years by their own admission ...as they convince people not to place supplemental feed

But 3 winters ago another winter mortality event that killed 50% of the states deer herd (40-50,000 deer by the NDGF own admission) the NDGF refused to partner with local wildlife clubs to help feed deer to get them through that winter and now because of those losses we are down to 55,000 tags (almost a 200% decrease) and they say they want to ban supplemental feeding completely ...as sportsmen opportunities decline dramatically

1 deer dead to CWD in the wild

Literally tens of thousands of deer dead to starvation and winter related malnutrition stress ... by the GF own admission

The "experts" have literally gotten everything wrong in managing our states deer herd

SB 2137 is simply about not restricting hunting over supplemental feed

Please keep even more hunter opportunities from being taken away by regulation from an unelected, unresponsive govt agency by supporting SB 2137 with a do pass

Thank you

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