

Hello Senate committee members,

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I am writing to you in support of SB 2137. I question the science that the game and fish is stating that they are using. They do not even follow their own protocols when it comes to enforcing a baiting ban for units within close proximity to a positive case. Why would they do this? They claim that it is in the best interest of the deer to control CWD, but units close to large populations of hunters, they have refrained from implementing the baiting restrictions...this sounds very politically driven to me.

Also, with talk of CWD as a threat to deer herds, why isn't there any discussion regarding EHD and the effects it has had on our deer herd over the past few years. This disease can wipe out a large population of deer in just a few weeks, not like CWD which supposedly takes a couple of years from its infection to kill its host. Where is the funding and research for this awful disease that has killed more deer in North Dakota in one year than CWD has killed throughout the majority of the United States? Evidently this is about more than supposed disease prevention, it is obviously about Ethics and Federal funds available to the NDG&F.

Please vote yes on SB 2137. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted,

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