

As a North Dakota resident and hunter since the age of 9, I am opposed to SB 3127. I do not support the baiting of deer for the reason that it unnaturally congregates deer and will increase the probability of disease transmission, especially Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

I have always supported the North Dakota Game and Fish Department (G&F) and feel that have done a great job of managing our fish and wildlife throughout North Dakota. The G&F Department has professional dedicated staff that is far more knowledgeable than anyone in this legislature to manage our wildlife and use science based management to control diseases such as CWD. I would implore you to allow professional biologists and wildlife veterinarians to do the job they are trained to do, manage wildlife and wildlife diseases. CWD is not a hoax and it is not something to be taken lightly. We have low prevalence of this disease because of the efforts of ND G&F to control it.

I am asking you to please oppose SB 2137 for the future of hunting and wildlife in North Dakota. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed legislation.