

My name is Trigg Baker, a lifelong hunter in North Dakota. I'm writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 2137, which protects our rights to use supplemental feed for hunting on our own property. This bill is a win for personal freedom and commonsense. I know firsthand that hunting traditions like baiting bring families together and help manage wildlife responsibly. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department claims it's about controlling diseases like CWD, but the science doesn't fully back that up—deer can spread it just as easily without bait, and it lingers in the soil for years anyway. Why should the state dictate what I can do on my own land when the evidence is shaky at best? SB 2137 respects property rights and keeps unelected bureaucrats from overstepping. I was thrilled to see it pass the Senate 31-15 on January 29, 2025, and I urge the House to stand with landowners like me by passing it too. Let's keep North Dakota a place where we're free to hunt our way.