Testimony of Richard Nelson On SB2137

Deer hunting is an important and valued social and cultural part of North Dakota. In order for citizens to continue the honored tradition of deer hunting our deer herd must be managed by professionals with education and training in big game management. For the benefit of all deer hunters.

But, SB 2137 would undercut professional deer management. Because it would prevent the ND Game and Fish Department biologists from taking appropriate and objective steps to control Chronic Wasting Disease.

Therefore, I am respectfully requesting that each member of this committee vote NO on SB2137. Your vote for professional management will ensure our deer herd remains healthy and that deer hunting can continue.

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