

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 2137, as the reasoning behind baiting deer is fundamentally flawed. Regardless of the quantity used, baiting disrupts natural patterns by drawing deer away from others a phenomenon known as herd privatization. This practice represents a significant loss of opportunity for many.

The repercussions of baiting extend beyond this. It contributes to rising land prices, enables out-of-state manipulation, promotes corporate canned hunting, and undermines multi-generational ranching traditions and neighborly cooperation. Moreover, while Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a well-known concern, other illnesses such as Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, and Acidosis must also be taken into account.

In conclusion, I urge us to place our trust in the expertise of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. Their mission is to ensure the health and sustainability of our wildlife, and they deserve our support not opposition rooted in misguided assumptions.

I implore our legislators to reject this ill-conceived bill outright.

Thank you.

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