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Written Testimony in support of SB 2137.

As a Sportsman, Resident, and Landowner, I fully support SB 2137. Right now, in many units across the state supplemental feed can be placed anywhere, at any time of the year, in any amount, and someone can sit by it with a camera while deer and other wildlife eat with no worries about disease or CWD being spread. But according to the NDGF, the second they put the camera down and grab a gun or bow, the CWD threat magically appears and is an “endemic”. How? The opposition to SB 2137 will say we need to trust the “science”, but the NDGF doesn’t, or can’t, prove their own science and even go against it at times. The real threats to the ND deer populations are EHD, and winter starvation, NDGF even recognized this at one of the advisory meetings. Yet so much of their time, energy, and our money is focused on the CWD farse and placing of supplemental feed in the form of a Hunting Restriction.

As a private landowner and taxpayer in the state, I would like to be able to continue to help the deer herd, as well as other wildlife, by placing supplemental feed, and do so with no restrictions regardless of if I am hunting near it or not.

I ask for you to vote **YES** and pass SB 2137.

Thank you.

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