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Written Testimony in favor of SB 2137

I am writing today to show my support for SB 2137.

A very similar bill was a main focus of the 68th legislative session in HB 1151. This previous bill had overwhelming support of the ND citizens to the tune of 80% written testimony in support of it. It had a do-pass recommendation before failing on the senate floor from sudden political pressure/opposition

In the recent years there is growing concern for the ND GF departments best available science when it comes to managing CWD. The department has adopted practices such as culling ( poaching) approximately 50 deer in the Williston area to find a total of 0 positive tests and all the meat wasted in the name of best Available science furthermore the act of supplemental feeding is 100% legal across the entire state , year around. I can set up a tree stand and ground blind and photograph these big game animals year around over supplemental feed 365 days a year, however if I attempt to hunt with a weapon over feed it then becomes illegal/restricted in some deer management units. This hypocrisy is not a supplemental feeding restriction as the department calls it rather an overreach of a department trying to further restrict hunting in this great state. I ask you how can supplemental feed be placed 365 days a year statewide and not be a problem with spreading CWD until a person bring a bow or gun with? I respectfully ask the committee, house and senate to do what 80% of the residents of this great state want and that is support SB 2137

Thank you for your time

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