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Written Testimony in support of SB 2137

Honorable Members of the Committee

I am writing today in support of SB 2137. I have been an avid outdoorsman my whole life and have two young kids that I am teaching as well. I have had the opportunity to hunt over bait and that is what kept my interest early in life. I think if this opportunity comes to an end our new generations of hunters are going to lose interest.

North Dakota's deer population can fluctuate significantly based on the winters we face with extreme weather and summers we face in times of drought. Hunting over bait is a great way to manage deer populations in high density areas. Baiting also allows hunters to take a more ethical shot by bringing deer into closer ranges and decreasing the risk of wounding an animal and ensures a humane harvest.

Hunting over bait gives opportunities to individuals who may not be able to physically harvest deer from a mobility perspective or the ability to track deer, this ensures that they can participate in the sport they love to do.

Hunting has a major economic roll in the state of North Dakota and by taking baiting opportunities away from residents and non-residents will diminish the interest in hunting in our state and we will have a much bigger problem with over population and potential economic impact on small towns that rely on the hunting seasons that bring revenue into there communities.

In closing, hunting over bait is an ethical and effective way to control the deer population in our great state.

I urge you to support SB 2137 in the protection and growth of a great sport.

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