

I am in support of 2137.

They want to ban baiting in my area but yet food/bait plots are totally acceptable, heck the game and fish will help pay for them! In the middle of winter where are the deer that are left in an area piled up at? An unharvested food/bait plot. The Game and fish is spending millions on CWD that has killed what one or two confirmed deer? Yet EHD blue tongue comes through an area and wipes out almost 90% of the population and we have had 3-4 years of EHD, its hard to find a whitetail deer in allot of places. And yet our game and fish still gives out a bunch of tags for these areas that have no deer left, it makes no sense. We can feed deer we just can't hunt where we are feeding them, how much sense does that make? We live in wide open western ND, bow hunting in this area is extremely difficult because the deer aren't very patternable. You could sit every day for weeks and not have a deer walk past you. Its hard enough to get kids involved in hunting, most kids can't sit for weeks hoping something walks by. But if you can afford a food/bait plot you can put up a stand and shoot something that walks in to eat it and that's fine and dandy. Again it makes no sense. I could go on and on. Another thing I am seeing is bow hunters taking way longer shots now days. It used to be they could get a 15-30 yard shot when bait was legal to hunt over. Now if something walks out in front of them at 50-100 yards they will fling an arrow at it, many times wounding that animal. I am disabled and baiting definitely helped me. Anyways I just see this CWD excuse as a way to take away many folks hunting oppotunities.

Thank you for your time.

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