



**BACKCOUNTRY
HUNTERS & ANGLERS
NORTH DAKOTA**

**TESTIMONY OF BROCK WAHL
NORTH DAKOTA BACKCOUNTRY HUNTERS AND ANGLERS
SENATE BILL 2168
SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE
January 23, 2025**

Chairman Patten and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

The North Dakota Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers recommends a Do Not Pass on SB2168.

We believe this bill raises more questions than it answers and can lead to encroachments on both private property rights and public land hunting. This could severely impact western North Dakota public land hunting where oil pads and oil facilities could have huge cumulative effects on hunting access.

We would agree that hunters need to be respectful of private property and held accountable for any damages to private or public land. But this bill will not stop people from breaking laws that already exist and instead will bring undue burden onto law abiding hunters who have no intention of damaging structures on private or public land.

We respectfully urge a Do Not Pass on SB 2168.

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