

Senator Kreun and Members of the Committee,

My name is Darrell Belisle, I am from Turtle Lake, ND and I am the current President of the North Dakota Bowhunters Association.

I have been following the actions of the Private Lands – No Trespass squabble for a long time. I have either participated in, or at least, listened to nearly every public word spoken about the issue.

It's a tough one, certainly proves it's very hard to change something that worked well for such a long time.

SB 2038 offers the option to choose how you would like to post your land. I do not agree with this option. During the many meetings and testimonies, it became clear where the Landowner groups supporting the issue, claimed they were speaking for all landowners. Looking at your efforts and the funds which have already been spent, makes me wonder why you wouldn't want all landowners to choose one over the other?

The way I see it, allowing a property owner to choose whether he wants to use the electronic system or not, only adds to a Sportsman's confusion and certainly does not justify the expense. Kind of throws more feed to the White Elephant roaming around.

I do support Landowner/Sportsman education on the existing laws and penalties we already have.

Thank you,

Darrell Belisle