TESTIMONY OF JOHN BRADLEY NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION SENATE BILL 2118 SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE JANUARY 21, 2021

Chairman Kreun, members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

For the record, I am John Bradley, Executive Director of the North Dakota Wildlife Federation. I am writing today representing our 1,500 members and 15 affiliated wildlife and sportsmen's club across North Dakota.

NDWF rises in support of the Game & Fish Department and in support of SB 2118. SB 2118 increases the fine for non-criminal offenses under the 20.1 code relating to Game and Fish. The Department has not had increase in fines for certain game and fish violations since 1985. It's past time there is a rise in the fines for to better align them with other state agency fines and to serve as a better deterrent.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that the committee might have.