



NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

TESTIMONY OF JOHN BRADLEY NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION SENATE BILL 2172 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 opposes SB 2172. NDWF generally opposes interest groups from receiving special treatment under the hunting license lottery system. SB 2172 aims to give preference to people over the age of 75. A North Dakota moose hunt is something that many hunters dream of. Many spend years waiting to be drawn for a bull moose tag, increasing the odds for 75 years and older residents comes at the expense of everyone else in the lottery.

While SB 2172 would not increase the odds significantly for a 75 year or older resident (Likely raises from 1% to 2%), it would set a precedent for other special groups to come in and request priority in the lottery, which would defeat the entire point of a lottery. I would point out that under the current lottery system, any resident can apply for a cow moose only permit and their odds of drawing increase significantly. We urge a do not pass on SB 2172.

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