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Re: SB 2137 Supplemental feed for hunting.

As a sportsman in ND, I have spent the last 25 years in the deer woods year around. My deer season does not start on the 1st of September and end the 31st of December. For me it's a year around love for the Whitetails that call North Dakota their home. From minerals to food plots to supplemental feed is a year around job that enjoy watching all the wildlife take advantage of.

One item that is very important to mention on this subject is. The game and fish have no regulations on supplemental feeding of wildlife. This means you can feed deer year around stateside. What they are trying to regulate is the manner of take. In 2007-2009 a bill came into legislation trying to stop the hunting over supplemental feed and was meet with heavy resistance as the sportsman of ND spoke and the bill failed both times.

For over 50 years we have been hearing about CWD. They are no closer to solving it as they were 50 years ago. We are still chasing a prion that nobody has ever seen. Billions of dollars have been spent on this disease and we have nothing to show for it.

In closing, deer are social animals. They spend their whole life in close quarters. If this disease is spread by nose to nose contact, why are only certain animals affected. Why doesn't the whole heard have the disease. There in contact everyday with each other. I believe that nutrition and quality food has a lot to do with the health of any animal heard.

We the people spoke and were heard clearly 2007-2009. This is why support SB 2137.

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