

Dear Committee I strongly urge you to pass Bill 2137.

My name is Chandler Jacob and I am from Minot, ND. I have been hunting big game in ND for over 20 years. Myself and a majority of people have issues with how the Game and Fish are handling CWD. It is important to understand that it's not illegal to supplemental feed. Its only illegal when you start actively pursuing animals over it. Deer by nature are social animals, so the idea that it will stop the spread is silly in my opinion. I believe us as sportsman need to take the opposite approach and help deer throughout harsh winter. In past winters deer numbers have significantly declined to do lack of food. The game and fish are spreading fear using CWD when there has only been one deer death to CWD. 2 years ago half the deer herd died due to EHD and there has been zero interest in that or how to slow it down. Why hasn't the game and fish looked into that? They tell us to trust their science but it continues to be debunked. They have a CWD plan in place and in the last two years, have not even followed their own program. If CWD is so scary why are they not banning units that should have been banned two years ago based off their program. You guys will hear some more great information Friday morning. But for these reasons I hope you vote Yes to 2137.