

## **SB 2155**

North Dakota Bowhunters Association

The North Dakota Bowhunters Association certainly supports the Landowner – free of charge (gratis) program. In the case of Pronghorn, its simply time for an update.

The current language being used to provide the Pronghorn landowner opportunity is very outdated. When Pronghorn numbers were high, landowners, non-landowners, and Archers, all enjoyed hunting for one of these fine animals. Drawing a tag was relatively easy and animals were plentiful. Since about 2009, Pronghorn numbers have been much lower and the numbers we have now seem to be staying consistent. For the non-landowner, drawing a Pronghorn tag these days is next to a once in a lifetime opportunity. In most hunting units, Landowner tags simply outnumber and use up all of the available allotment, leaving very few, if any, for the average sportsman. It could take 10 to 15 years for a non-landowner to draw a Pronghorn tag in North Dakota.

SB 2155 is aimed at updating and providing an equal opportunity to both the landowner as well as the sportsman. Right now is a good time to make a change and we encourage you to agree.

Please help us support SB 2155

Sincerely,

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