

Attn:

Rep. Todd Porter
Rep. Dick Anderson
Rep. Glenn Bosch
Rep. Jason Dockter
Rep. Jared Hagert
Rep. Pat Heinert
Rep. Jim Kasper
Rep. Andrew Marschall
Rep. Anna S. Novak
Rep. Jeremy Olson
Rep. Shannon Roers Jones
Rep. Matthew Ruby
Rep. Liz Conmy
Rep. Zachary Ista

RE: HB 1151

Dear Energy and Natural Resource Committee,

This letter is to express my support of the above referenced Bill.

I am 67 years old, and have been hunting in ND all my life. One of my favorite hobbies is archery hunting. I have health issues that restrict me from climbing into treestands. I cannot access a blind unless I am dropped off at the blind. I do not have access to thousands of acres of hunting land to hunt, and the land I have access to, and can physically access, does not generally hold deer. Baiting is the only tool that will help me, in my situation, bring deer onto land that I can hunt and help me harvest one. I have bought tags the last two years, but have not been able to hunt, because of the baiting ban in our area. I also love spending time with my grandchildren in the blind, and watching them hunt, and its not very fun for them to sit in a blind, if there are no deer coming in. They lose interest very fast, and probably will just give up hunting also. I would like them to experience the tradition of hunting, like myself and my children have over the years, and keep carrying it on. So please, help us get our rights to bait back. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Date: 01/17/2023

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