

House Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

I am writing today to submit testimony in opposition to HB1151.

My concern with this bill is not with the act of baiting in and of itself. My concern is with having legislative bodies create statute that will inhibit the NDGF's ability to manage game populations utilizing the latest science and best management practices. This bill may be well intentioned but it sets a dangerous precedent. Other states have had legislatures enter the wildlife management arena and have thus managed by "popular opinion" and have seen declines in opportunities and outright bans of some hunting opportunities. I don't want to see North Dakota go down that same road and therefore would like to see HB1151 defeated.

Thank you,  
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