

Hello, my name is John Arman. I am a lifelong resident of ND. I am the owner of Ultimate Outdoor Adventures TV, a Bismarck school teacher, and a Ranch owner. I am also a certified Bow-hunters education teacher and run a Bow-hunting camp here in Bismarck called "Raised at Full Draw" I am fortunate that this baiting bill will not affect me either way or my ability to hunt. Being a landowner, I have the ability to put in food plots and manage the deer on my property. I am not opposed to baiting or for it. I believe it is up to the individual hunter to decide if this is what he/she wants. My main concern and why I support this bill is because of the lack of science behind the Game and Fish's decisions. I understand that CWD is real, it has been on the land scape since the 60s. I know it is spreading and there are some concerns. However, if you look at the true data and break it down there is absolutely no evidence that CWD is being spread by baiting. I have visited with the Game and Fish several times and have asked them to show me the periodic review or data that shows CWD is spread by baiting and there is none. We have found one deer in over 20 years in ND that was dying or dead from CWD. The rest of the positive cases were killed by hunters and a few by cars. I am all for the Game and Fish to continue looking for cures and testing but without the numbers/data I do not understand how they can take opportunities or a style of hunting away from the average hunter. As a landowner or non-hunter, I can feed deer all day every day without any problems. Now as soon as I become a hunter, I get punished. If CWD was truly this deadly always fatal disease, why would this be allowed. There are too many ifs and butts and not enough science to make these baiting bans and that is why I support HB1151. Thank you for your time and service to our state. John Arman