

Dear Energy and Natural Resource Committee:

This letter is to express my support for HB1151.

My name is Karson Backer, and I currently live in Dickinson, ND.

I know a multitude of friends, family, and coworkers who are avid hunters, and this bill will greatly affect the way they hunt, or if they are able to hunt at all. Although my days of going out hunting are behind me, this bill has gained my support. Hunting game has led my family to become closer over the years, not only through the stories shared around the table, but also through providing meat for our personal intake. Annual butchering sessions have become somewhat of a holiday in our family. I currently live with my fiancé, my brother lives with his girlfriend, and my parents live together. The meat from my family's hunting supports three households, and the decision of this bill may decide whether we can continue to live off the land. Please take this testimony into account when deciding. This bill will be affecting more than those who are avid hunters.

Have a blessed day

Karson Backer