

Dear Energy and Natural Resource Committee:

This letter is to express my support for HB1151.

My name is Sarah Dobitz, 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 I have never considered myself a big hunter, this bill has gained my support. Hunting game has led my fiancé's family to become closer over the years, not only through the stories shared around the table, but also through providing meat for their, and now our, personal intake. I have joined the annual butchering sessions that have become so special to his family. I currently live with my fiancé while my parents and younger siblings live very close by. The meat from my fiancé family's hunting supports both of our 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.

Thank you for your time,

Sarah Dobitz