

Dear Honorable Senators:

I respectfully ask you to vote "No" on HB 1151, the Baiting Bill

I am concerned about the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a fatal disease to our deer, elk, and moose herds. During the House Energy and Natural Resource Committee hearing on HB 1151, we found some of the testimony provided was misleading. We are troubled that a few individuals have twisted the issues around CWD and baiting to meet their own personal interests rather than sound wildlife management.

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department (NDGFD) is the agency entrusted to manage the State's wildlife. Biologists and staff at the NDGFD have spent decades collaborating with some thirty other state, federal, and provincial agencies to develop the best management strategies for dealing with CWD. Please continue to put your trust in the NDGFD, the agency best suited to deal with the issues and management of CWD. Biological facts cannot be finessed; to attempt to do so will lead to irreversible and costly errors.

Sincerely,

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