

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Jeff Jacob from Minot ND. I am a life long sportsman of this state for the last 42 years. I eat sleep and breath bowhunting. Most of life sporting life in ND has been in the deer woods of ND. Spending countless hours and money on the sport I cherish. Which is Deer hunting.

I have been feeding wildlife for the past 20 years in ND. This includes food plots, placing corn or feed, along with minerals. I love being in the woods and seeing all the wildlife that benefits from this. From songbirds, to Turkeys, Squirrels and every other critter that lives in the woods. With today's laws, I continue to feed. But when it comes time to hunt it's not legal. Only my plots can be hunted. The deer herd up more in my plots than they do on the supplemental feed stations. Deer are social animals; they spend their whole lives close to each other. They swap body fluids from the day they are born to the last breath they take. It has been shown in our state and others that the feeding of wildlife has not slowed down the spread of CWD. States with the longest ban on feeding wildlife, have the highest rate.

Please Vote **YES** on bill 1151.

For the last 20 years we have been hearing about CWD. Testing has been done in the state for the same amount of time, with over 40,000 animals tested with 96 positives. Which 95 of them were healthy hunter harvest deer. 75 percent of these animals were Mule Deer. Mule deer very seldom will touch a bait pile of supplemental feed. This is less than 1 percent of the total animals tested. Our state continues to monitor CWD though the testing of animals!!! Why can't we start spending our money on RESEARCH. We know that CWD is present, Lets take that money and research it!!! As a state we are no closer to finding a solution, then we were 20 years ago. Private companies have spent millions of their own money on research to find a solution. As a state we should also do the same.

As time passes in the state of ND, it's getting tougher for the hunter to find a place to hunt. Some people do have access to rich land full of game. Most do not!!!! The feeding of deer gives the everyday hunter, a chance. He has a small property that somebody let him hunt, and with placing feed, it gives him a chance to see a deer, that normally wouldn't be there.

In the last 2 years I have gotten involved with an organization called Prairie Grit. They give less fortunate individuals a chance to do the sporting events of there dreams. There's a group of kids that love to hunt. **BUT** they can't go hunting like you are I can. They take them deer, and turkey hunting in ND. They take them antelope hunting in Wyoming. In the last year I have gotten involved with taking them to Manitoba to hunt black bear. All these hunts have one thing in common. They are controlled hunts!! We get the animals to come to them. Pretty tough to move through the land scape pushing a wheelchair. Please don't take this away from these kids. To see their face when they are successful is something you will never forget.

Inclosing I would like to say! In no way should ethics be brought into this. Nobody has walked in the same shoes. Everybody has their own limitations and beliefs. Thanks for reading my testimony. I hope you vote **YES** to Bill 1151.

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