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**Sent:** Monday, November 04, 2002 4:44 PM  
**To:** Sargent, Justin  
**Subject:** CWD

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**Subject:** Baiting

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Bill Moe  
3721 Ridgeway trail  
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**Subject:** FW: extending the deer baiting/feeding

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**Subject:** Joint Committee Vote - 11/07/02

November 05, 2002

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I am writing to you with reference to the Committee vote scheduled on November 07, 2002 concerning the baiting/feeding ban for whitetails in Wisconsin.

This issue is very important to me and my family as we are avid hunters and enjoy not only hunting deer by viewing them as well. I am a 45 year old Father of 2, I pay taxes and have a nagging house payment like everyone else.

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Rep.Hebl@legis.state.wi.us; Rep.Turner@legis.state.wi.us;  
Rep.Gunderson@legis.state.wi.us; Rep.Seratti@legis.state.wi.us;  
Rep.Grothman@legis.state.wi.us; Darrell.Bazzell@dnr.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** DNR Emergency Rules Extension

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**To:** Sen.Robson@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** Baiting Ban

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rep.turner@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** deer baiting

Having hunted in Wisconsin for the last 25 years I feel it is my duty to contact you and give you my two cents worth concerning deer baiting and feeding. First off I would like to say that YES, I have baited deer. Do I feel it is the only method at my disposal for hunting them? Absolutely not. In the last 5 years I have harvested approximately 12-15 deer with my archery tag, gun tag, bonus tags, crop damage tags, etc. Of those deer, 25% of them were shot over bait, the rest were shot using other hunting methods. I will also add that those deer were shot in a number of different counties from all over the state.

With that out of the way, I would like to ask you to make your decisions concerning extending the baiting/feeding ban based on one statement I have heard over the years from DNR wildlife managers, Wis. Conservation Congress delegates, and interested politicians such as yourself. That statement is: ERROR ON THE SIDE OF THE RESOURCE. Since we do not know at this time where the threat of CWD exists, it is important to take the necessary actions to ensure it is not spread through various means at our disposal. Whether it is livestock in a pen, birds at a bird feeder, or wild deer over a bait pile, we know that diseases can be, and are, spread through concentrations of animals at an artificial food source.

Until we know the extent of CWD in our state through thorough testing of the resource, it is our obligation to ERROR ON THE SIDE OF THE RESOURCE and not potentially spread the disease through the baiting and feeding of the deer herd.

I would at this time ask you to please extend the DNR's emergency rule authority concerning the baiting and feeding of deer in Wisconsin until such time that it is known with certainty the extent of CWD in our state.

Thank you for your time,

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**Cc:** Sen.Gobschmidt@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Hansen@legis.strate.wi.us; Sen.Cowles@legis.st.wi.us; sen.Welch@legis.st.wi.us  
**Subject:** Joint Committee Vote - 11/07/02

November 05, 2002

Senator Robson  
Senator Gobschmidt  
Senator Hansen  
Senator Cowles  
Senator Welch

Dear Senators -

I am writing to you with reference to the Committee vote scheduled on November 07, 2002 concerning the baiting/feeding ban for whitetails in Wisconsin.

This issue is very important to me and my family as we are avid hunters and enjoy not only hunting deer by viewing them as well. I am a 45 year old Father of 2, I pay taxes and have a nagging house payment like everyone else.

With the recent discovery of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in the State of Wisconsin, many individuals (some in State Government) with self serving agendas, have used this unfortunate opportunity to further their cause. Some folks just don't care for a hunter placing bait in the woods to attract wildlife. And that's alright, that is their opinion and they are entitled to that. If they do not care for it simply do not take part in the practice. Simple. These folk however are not happy until all of us bow to there way of thinking. Please allow me to explain.

First, there is absolutely no documented proof that baiting and feeding deer causes the spread of CWD. To further this cause those opposed to baiting say "nose to nose" contact may enhance the spread at bait stations. (Deer having been "yarding" (occurs in deep snows and deer congregate around forage until forage is gone or they starve or move on) for many many years sometimes as many as 50 - 100 deer. Do you think any are having nose to nose contact?

Deer are very social animals as they constantly communicate by touch in family groups and outside those groups. The touch nose to nose and the same buck may breed many does during the mating season.

I have been hunting the better part of 30 years. I bait only during a portion of the season. When not baiting I still hunt but use another method during the deer "rut" or mating season.

An interesting argument voiced by those opposed to the practice is that it alters deer movement. DNR Chief Warden T. Harleson makes this claim as well. I don't know where the Chief Warden hunts but I have seen NO evidence of this. The Chief Warden also used this as an excuse for the sad deer numbers Wisconsin hunters experienced last year. Poor excuse Warden Harleson. The Chief states that he has been receiving reports now that the ban is in effect that more hunters are experiencing "daytime

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movement of deer" Based on as many years of hunting experience as I have I find that also hard to believe. I nor my 5 hunting partners have seen less deer this year. Today, I was in the woods from 6AM to 5PM and with the mating season in full swing I saw 7 different bucks. Prior to this I have seen little daytime activity, very little.

All this when Wisconsin needs every available hunter in the woods doing his/her part to help with a healthy harvest of deer. They take away an effect tool for hunters to harvest some deer and just importantly view some deer while on the hunt. We enjoy watching the deer and THAT makes for a successful hunt, just the experience!

The Milwaukee/Sentinel newspaper reports a 22% drop in license sales compared with last year this time. The DNR is cutting back on recruit schools and in-service training to make up for the loss in monies. The articles reports job losses at Feed Mills and John Petty, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Agri-Service Association relates if the ban stays in effect 6 out of every 10 feed mills in the State will close by January 2003.

CWD has only been found in a small portion of the State, why do we ban the entire State?

A big supporter of the "ban" is State representative DuWayne Johnsrud (R-Eastman). Johnsrud has been looking to do away with baiting deer for years and has been waiting for such an opportunity. He has rarely spoken against "feeding" deer for recreational purposes. Funny?

Johnsrud in a article printed in the "Wisconsin Outdoors News" Johnsrud not only bad mouthed hunters who bait he spoke sarcastically of the Joint Committee members stating ..."Most of the members on that board don't know a deer from a cow, so if opponents of the ban get to the committee there could be problems"....

Talk about condescending!

By allowing baiting you allow especially bowhunters to get close to their quarry. This enable clean, humane kills.

Baiting is much more than blindly stumbling around the woods and dumping piles of corn. Deer movement, tree stand placement, skill with your weapon is essential.

The deer kill without a doubt will be way below our hopeful goals this year, without a doubt. Some of this is because of CWD. Other hunters have left the woods simply because of the baiting ban. We NEED hunters to do there part, please allow them to do so by voting to lift the ban. This will be a vote for the Sportsmen of the State, more importantly a vote for the deer that inhabit it!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Patrick J. LaBarbera  
N3574 Niemi Addition Road  
Black River Falls, WI 54615

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**From:** youngs@bfm.org  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 05, 2002 8:02  
**To:** Sen.Robson@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** Emergency Rule NR 10 and 45

Dear Senator Robson:

On Thursday November 7 your JCRAR committee will be considering the fate of Emergency Rule NR 10 and 45. I urge you in the strongest terms to do the right thing for the people of the State of Wisconsin and **uphold** the emergency ban on baiting and feeding of deer, and the CWD emergency management plan.

You no doubt have been contacted by a few individuals who have a financial interest in selling deer bait, and by so-called "hunters" who feel lost without the ability to shoot deer over bait. It is indeed unfortunate that a few individuals have lost income from selling bait, but their losses pale in comparison to what could be lost economically statewide if CWD decimates our deer herd. ***Please do not be swayed by the narrow interests of these few individuals when the health and statewide economic benefits of a healthy Wisconsin deer herd is literally at stake!***

I have hunted deer in northern Wisconsin for over 30 years and well understand the economic benefits deer hunting brings to this state, not to mention the importance to our quality of life. That economic benefit to the state as a whole could be jeopardized by the selfish few who can only see the "little picture" of their own situation. I ask you to please keep the following points in mind as you consider your very important matters on Thursday:

CWD is a very real threat to Wisconsin's deer herd

Scientists who study CWD agree that baiting and feeding are likely to promote disease transmission because it brings deer close together - listen to the experts!

DNR wildlife experts also support continuation of the ban

All major statewide hunting organizations support continuation of the ban

Allowing the ban to remain in place until statewide testing is completed during this year's hunting seasons makes sense - we must first know how widespread the disease is

With so much is at risk - why would anyone **not** want to error on the side of caution?

The responsible thing to do for the citizens of the State of Wisconsin is to allow Emergency Rule NR 10 and 45 to remain in effect until permanent rules can be established.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this extremely important matter. I trust you will do the right thing and uphold the baiting and feeding ban, and the emergency CWD management plan.

Robert Young

Rhineland, WI

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Andrew # 262-253-0579  
ANDREW ARMOUR  
W 164 N11072 SQUIRE DR.  
GERMANTOWN WI 53022

SUBJECT

Wisconsin Deer -

DATE

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MESSAGE

Dear State Senator -

I am writing to express my opinion + concern about the Wis DNR extending the BAN on deer baiting + feeding. I think baiting + feeding should be allowed for the following reasons -

As a bowhunter - who spends many many hours in the woods - I know baiting increases my chances of harvesting a deer. + the DNR wants more deer harvested in most units.

There will be <sup>more</sup> car-deer accidents on highways when deer have to travel to crop fields to eat at night. Also - there is a good possibility of deer starving in northern Wis - without supplemental feeding + baiting.

Most importantly - many older + younger hunters use bait to hunt deer - if a 65- or 15 year old wants to hunt - I

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think he should be able to spread a couple gallons of corn out in order to see more of harvest + some deer - without bait less deer will be harvested + the DNR is already having problems getting people to hunt due to CWD - please see 2nd page sent to DNR - are we doing everything that can be done to stop CWD - ?? what else can we do ??

Thank you for your time + consideration

Sincerely  
Andrew Armour

ANDREW ARMOUR  
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GERMANTOWN, WI 53022  
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For Baiting

Dem. Tom -

I would like to be included as a member of your group - I too, believe Bait during Bait hunting offers better shots & with the current CWD disease - Everyone agrees more deer not less should be harvested -

Here is my letter to the DNR - I do not feel they have been able to get the word to hunters that all of our Deer could get sick & die over the next 10-15 years & then what!

Please contact me if I can be of further help - Thank you Sincerely  
*Andrew Armour*

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Dear Mr. Tom Halverson

I was pleased to read that you are forming a group "Concerned Hunters of Wisconsin". I think the rules against baiting and feeding deer are ridiculous.

Speaking for myself: I am a disabled veteran. I have had a heart attack and several strokes.

Altho I'm retired I can still hunt deer. I own over one hundred acres in Boyfield county. I do use an ATV as walking is difficult in the woods. My son has built me a hunting stand where I can sit and hunt. Most of my land is willowlands and is inaccessible but there are lots of deer. The only way I can shoot a deer is to bait and wait.

If the DNR is so insistant on a large deer reel, why are they making it so difficult to shoot on. I have always baited with corn and apples spread over a large 15 ft circle. There is no way deer can contaminate feed in this large area.

My wife and I signed a petition in Iron River opposing the rules on deer baiting. Thank you for giving us an opportunity to express our views.

Sincerely,  
Frank J. Haas

FOR BAITING



Frank J. Haas  
420 N. 41st St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53208  
(414) 342 5643

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**From:** John R LeGault  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 05, 2002 9:17 PM  
**To:** Sen.Robson@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** Deer Baiting

Senator Robson,

It is my understanding that soon you will be voting on the deer baiting issue. I ask that you vote to support baiting and feeding of deer. Baiting for deer has been a hot issue in Wisconsin for the last couple of years. It seems that the anti-baiting crowd wants to use CWD to get their way on the baiting issue. I have hunted deer in Wisconsin for 32 years, and also hunt deer in Michigan, and Minnesota. We have laws on baiting-we just need them enforced. I cannot see where the banning of baiting and feeding of deer will help solve this problem.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
John R. LeGault

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**From:** Chris Beeksma [getbit@baysat.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 05, 2002 7:29 PM

**To:** Rep.Grothman@legis.state.wi.us; Rep.Seratti@legis.state.wi.us; Rep.Gunderson@legis.state.wi.us;  
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Sen.Grobschmidt@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Hansen@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Welch@legis.state.wi.us;  
Sen.Cowles@legis.state.wi.us

**Subject:** Emergency rule ban on deer baiting and feeding

Dear members of the Joint Committee on Review of Administrative Rules,  
I apologize for the lateness of this email but feel the matter is vital to the economy and deer herd viability of Northern Wisconsin. I am asking you to vote against the continued application of the emergency rule to ban feeding and baiting of deer asked by the Wisconsin DNR. I do feel the ban on deer feeding should continue but baiting should be allowed during our upcoming 9 day Wisconsin deer season. Due to license sales down by estimates of near 20 percent due to fear of CWD concerns and also the restriction on baiting we will find it near impossible to reach the DNR goal of decreasing the herd size by at least 400,00 deer. To allow baiting during the gun deer season will bring back many of the hunters who were going to forego this season and increase the number of deer harvested. And not to have baiting in the eradication zone throughout all the hunts is appalling. Please consider my opinion and wishes when voting on the emergency rule extension Nov. 7th 2002.

Thank you for your time.

Mr. Chris Beeksma  
10595 Cedar Crest rd.  
Iron River, WI 54847  
[getbit@baysat.net](mailto:getbit@baysat.net)

November 5, 2002

Senators/Representatives  
Committee Persons in Reference to CWD

Let me introduce myself to you. My name is Nancy Morrow. I am a Location Manager for a small independent Feed and Seed Dealer. To be up front with you, my concerns with the CWD situation are both personal and professional.

On the business side of this issue I have seen my fall business take a drastic drop in sales. Previous years it was nothing to use 4 tons of corn (give or take), deer grain, mineral, apple cubes, salt licks, and apple flavored protein blocks, deer pellets all in the average work week. This was enhanced by the availability of cedar feeders for the customers that fed the deer all year long for there own back yard pleasure.

My sales are also affected with the loss of the people traffic thru the store. As we all know people purchase several items on the spur of the moment-. As a result many of my small sales have declined.

I do maintained that we do need to be very concerned about the cause and effect of CWD. The old clich'es---don't buy the cart before the horse---which came first the chicken or the egg, this was the way this situation was handled.

**MUCH MORE RESEARCH IS NEEDED!!!!**

CWD has been in the western states for years, they have never allowed feeding or baiting.

Much has been said about the lack of copper in the affected deer (is this true or not true?)

A challenge to the DNR Board: Many of your fellow citizens feel that a wrong decision was made July 3, 2002. Now is the time to stand up and correct the wrong decision that was made.

***LIFT THE DEER FEEDING BAN.***

Sincerely,  
Nancy Morrow



Location Manager  
General Farm Supply  
3712 S Maple Ave.  
Marshfield, WI 54449

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**From:** Les Strunk [lstrunk@priceeng.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 05, 2002 8:35 AM  
**To:** sen.robson@legis.state.wi.us  
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rep.turner@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** deer baiting

Having hunted in Wisconsin for the last 25 years I feel it is my duty to contact you and give you my two cents worth concerning deer baiting and feeding. First off I would like to say that YES, I have baited deer. Do I feel it is the only method at my disposal for hunting them? Absolutely not. In the last 5 years I have harvested approximately 12-15 deer with my archery tag, gun tag, bonus tags, crop damage tags, etc. Of those deer, 25% of them were shot over bait, the rest were shot using other hunting methods. I will also add that those deer were shot in a number of different counties from all over the state.

With that out of the way, I would like to ask you to make your decisions concerning extending the baiting/feeding ban based on one statement I have heard over the years from DNR wildlife managers, Wis. Conservation Congress delegates, and interested politicians such as yourself. That statement is: ERROR ON THE SIDE OF THE RESOURCE. Since we do not know at this time where the threat of CWD exists, it is important to take the necessary actions to ensure it is not spread through various means at our disposal. Whether it is livestock in a pen, birds at a bird feeder, or wild deer over a bait pile, we know that diseases can be, and are, spread through concentrations of animals at an artificial food source.

Until we know the extent of CWD in our state through thorough testing of the resource, it is our obligation to ERROR ON THE SIDE OF THE RESOURCE and not potentially spread the disease through the baiting and feeding of the deer herd.

I would at this time ask you to please extend the DNR's emergency rule authority concerning the baiting and feeding of deer in Wisconsin until such time that it is known with certainty the extent of CWD in our state.

Thank you for your time,

Les Strunk  
3791 Riverline Drive  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066  
262-569-0866

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**From:** Greg Meissner [meissner@itol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 05, 2002 10:47 AM  
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Rep.Grothman@legis.state.wi.us; Darrell.Bazzell@dnr.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** DNR Emergency Rules Extension

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Sincerely,

Greg Meissner  
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Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

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**From:** Dick and Michelle Lange  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 05, 2002 11:43 AM  
**To:** Sen.Robson@legis.state.wi.us  
**Subject:** Baiting Ban

Please, do not listen to emotion and knee jerk voices. The baiting ban North of Hiway 8 is killing the hunting up there. I have hunted up there on property we own for 7 years, and this year has been the saddest. Brothers that have hunted together for years now do not. The deer are there, and in large numbers but people are not hunting them due to this ban. Please, mid stream thinking here. Allow for baiting North of Hiway 8 at least. The property values are dropping and you should see the little 40's for sale. I ask for your wisdom on this issue and compromise before the deer herd explodes, the DNR revenues dry up and the dieoff begins. Thank you for your consideration.

Joseph R, Lange  
Colby, Wisconsin

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 06, 2002 11:05 AM  
**To:** Rep. Glenn Grothman; Rep. Lorraine Seratti; Rep. Robert L. Turner; Rep. Scott Gunderson; Rep. Thomas Hebl; Sen. Dave Hansen; Sen. Judith Robson; Sen. Richard Grobschmid; Sen. Robert Cowles; Sen. Robert Welch  
**Subject:** Allow baiting & feeding of Deer!

Legalize baiting for deer. Here are a few reasons baiting for deer should be allowed:

First and foremost everyone knows that our deer are getting CWD from a legal bait.

What I mean by a legal bait is 10 gallons or a bucket of corn or a few apples. They are getting CWD from the guys trying to grow trophy bucks by feeding them ground up animal by-products and antler enhancing chemicals, trying to feed the deer for more protein for larger racks.

Second, the ban is impossible to enforce. Check around like at the Winter Co-op and area gas stations that sell corn, you will be amazed at the amount of corn being sold for bait.

Third, the DNR is suppose to enhance and increase the hunting opportunities. Banning

baiting for deer, what's next? Banning baiting for bear?

Fourth, these are personal reasons for baiting and there are thousands of hunters who

feel the same way I do. I bought 80 acres in the Hayward area and moved my family

here for the quality of life this area provides, that means hunting on my own land. My land

is poor deer habitat, it's old growth poppel. They move through my property now and then.

With out baiting, I have a slim chance of getting a deer on my property. I don't have access

to farm fields, which to me is a large bait pile. I'm 52 years old, a bad back, arthritic and I'm

not physical able to hang a tree stand every other day, like some trophy hunter in his 20's or 30's.

There are thousands of other hunters handicapped just like myself and rely on baiting to help

them out. If I can't bait, I will have to quit deer hunting. There are young people, kids that are

deciding weather to deer hunt. If baiting is not allowed a lot of the kids aren't going to hunt

either. My grandson, who is 11, has sat with me in a ground blind since he was 5. He loves to

watch the deer, except he has not seen a single deer and he is not looking forward to deer hunting

like he use to.

Feeding deer in your yard should also be allowed. I have not seen a deer in my yard all summer

and I sure miss them. Everyone does! My neighbor is 70 years old and she complains about not being

able to feed the deer and watch them more than anything else. There are thousands of older people

including myself that feel are quality of life has been reduced because we can't feed the deer.

I'm not going to buy a gun license this year for deer hunting, because I can't bait and I wish now that I

hadn't bought an archery license. I'm not afraid of CWD because I know the deer around here are not getting CWD from a pile of corn, in my yard or my bait in the woods. It's really a shame that a few greedy trophy hunters have to ruin deer hunting in Wisconsin, for the rest of us that just love to deer hunt, even if we never get a trophy.

I've talked to thousands of hunters and people who feed deer in their yards and only one guy thought the ban on baiting would help him get a deer. He hadn't shot a deer in 10 years.

Totally Concerned For Hunters!  
Denny



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**From:** Andrew Armour [aarmour@wi.rr.com]  
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*anti ban*

Dear State Senator Robson:

I am writing to express my opinion and concern about the Wisconsin DNR extending the ban on deer baiting and feeding. I think baiting and feeding should be allowed for the following reasons:

As a bowhunter, who spends many, many hours in the woods, I know baiting increases my chances of harvesting a deer and the DNR wants more deer harvested in most units.

There will be more deer-car accidents on highways when deer have to travel to crop fields to eat at night. Also, there is a good possibility of deer starving in northern Wisconsin, without supplemental feeding and baiting.

Most importantly, many older and younger hunters use bait to hunt deer. If a 65 year old or a 15 year old would like to hunt, I think he should be able to spread a couple gallons of corn out in order to see more and harvest some deer. Without bait, less deer will be harvested and the DNR is already having problems getting people to hunt due to the CWD problem. CWD is a terrible disease and problem. If I thought baiting would eliminate CWD, I would be all for it. From all that I've read, CWD will never be eliminated, only contained. Why ban baiting statewide if CWD is only in the Mount Horeb area? Why not have special rules for the CWD area?

Please do not extend the ban on statewide deer baiting. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Andy Armour  
Germantown, Wisconsin