

Emailed public comment from Eliza Mabry February 17, 2025

Dear Reps. Satcowitz, Sheldon, and Logan:

Thank you for sponsoring H. 132. There is no hunting skill involved with baiting wild animals, it's just a reliable and easy method for killing wildlife. Taking furbearers that are attracted to bait is neither sporting nor ethical.

For me, all of my family and friends, and probably most Vermonters, seeing a live furbearer - bobcat, otter, fisher - in the wild is rare and meaningful, and letting these predator species perform their ecological functions is a wildlife management imperative. The Department of Fish and Wildlife should be doing more to protect our furbearers, and legislators like you can compel them to do so. Thank you.

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