

February 13, 2019

Senator James I. Manning Jr.
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Dear Senator Manning

I am writing to you about Senate Bill 723
and Senate Bill 439. I request that you make
this letter part of the record.

My Name is Steve Souders

I was born and raised in the district you
represent. I am a Native Oregonian,
a Vietnam era Veteran, Husband, Father,
Tax payer and Voter. I am retired and now
live in Douglas County. I am not an activist
but I am willing to stand up for my rights
when people are trying to create laws that
will affect what my wife and I do for enjoyment,
recreation and fun. Its a physical Activity

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That we enjoy together.

Senate Bill 723 Will HAVE
"Unintended Consequences"

Senate Bill 723 Lumps "all" activities that take wildlife into the same category whether it is a ODFW permitted and licensed activity or not. ODFW regards pen raised birds and privately owned birds as wildlife but only after they are released. A permit is required for release and a license is required for takings because ODFW defines hunting as "taking" therefore a License is Required.

ORS 498.106 Defines what we do for recreation and enjoyment and is a Lawful Activity.

We have Two Labrador Retrievers. We raise, Train and love our dogs. We participate in AKC (American Kennel Club) Hunt tests and Field Trials.

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This last year 2018 we participated in The Master Nationals Held in Roseburg Oregon over 600 dogs from all over the United States came here! They compete for a ribbon and a title to add to their name. This event had an economic benefit to Douglas County of about 3 million Dollars. Another event the National Amature also brought in about 3 million Dollars for the community and Oregon. These type of events and about 50 other local events would be banned by this bill. What we do with our dogs is our life.

"Senate Bill 723 Is A Bad Law"
Do Not Let it out of Committee.

Senate Bill 439 Effectively Eliminates Private Hunting Preserves A Lawful & Permitted

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activity. ODFW Regulates and Monitors Preserves. By amending ORS 497.240 It hamstrings ODFW & Department of agriculture in case there is an outbreak of disease, then privately owned birds will be running all over the place and not easily treated or confined. The reason for the confinement is so they will not mingle with real Wild Birds. The real reason for this Bill is the elimination of hunting. And I oppose this bill.

Senate Bill 439 is A Bad Law!

Do Not Let it out of Committee!!

Respectfully

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