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To: Senate Natural Resource and Wildfire Recovery Committee

Re: HB 2068 Landowner Preference Tag Program

Senators:

I have been hunting since my dad took me to the Ochocos on my first deer hunt 65 years ago. My sons and grandsons hunt and fish and my three great grandchildren are growing up with a love of the outdoors. Last year was the first year in decades that I did not purchase a deer or elk tag.

I have watched the evolution of ODFW's landowner preference program since I first began lobbying the legislature in the late 80s. I agree that it's time to make the program permanent.

However, as part of removing the sunset of the program, the Legislature should make two additional changes to the statute;

1. Allow the use of LOP tags on adjoining private properties with the consent of that landowner.
2. Clearly state in the law that the LOP tag holder cannot sell or otherwise profit from the transfer of the tag to another person.

With those two additional changes I would support passage of HB 2068

Jim Myron

