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As an Oregonian, the right to hunt and fish bill would be an outstanding move in a positive direction.

I am a father with 2 young children and a stay-at-home mom. Much of our recreational time throughout the year is focused around the acquisition, storage, preparation of local foods: blackberry jam, smoked trout, canned tuna, hunting for venison, foraging for mushrooms, digging for clams, gardening etc... I feel that all this work/effort/time helps facilitate strong family ties, healthier lifestyle and diet, connection to the natural world around us, and strong work ethic. Hunting and fishing is obviously a big part of this lifestyle. We have such a resource rich state.

I am very worried about the trend of moving towards game management by vote, rather than entrusting this work to scientists and our dedicated fish and wildlife professionals to this task. The right to hunt and fish bill will help support the North American model of wildlife management. We are WAY better off with this model than we used to be and it needs to continue.

Lastly, I worry about the slippery slope. In other states there is erosion of the hunting and fishing access, which I can easily see becoming a slippery slope, see California for example. The right to hunt and fish will help maintain this important economic, recreational, and lifestyle that is so rich here in Oregon.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.  
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