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On Behalf Of: Traditional Archers of Oregon
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HJR5

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To: House Committee on Rules

Re: HJR 5 Right to fish, hunt, harvest, gather in the state of Oregon

Dear Chair Fahey, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson Vice-Chair Kropf and members of the committee

Oregon has a rich history and diversity of opportunities to fish, hunt, harvest and gather from elk to mushrooms. As an Oregon resident and ODF&W Pioneer License holder of 57 years, I have enjoyed the outdoor lifestyle this state affords. I have volunteered most of my adult life to support the fish and wildlife department in their mission to protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations.

As the department increases and diversifies public use and enjoyment of Oregon's fish and wildlife, this lifestyle is now in jeopardy on many fronts and it is time to ensure those that enjoy the outdoor lifestyle can continue to do so.

I urge you to support HJR 5 through legislative approval to protect the Oregon I have enjoyed these many years.

Sincerely,
Richard Thompson
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