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Hi Folks,

I'm hoping that this is one of many letters and in-person testimonies you'll receive or hear today and so it can be short.

I love to hunt. I love the meat. I love the adventure and sense of accomplishment and competence I get from hunting. The challenge! I also love to share my knowledge with those that are interested but have not been raised around hunting. I have two little boys who are interested in what I do, and I really want them to be able to pursue hunting in the future if they choose.

I love to fish. Just like hunting, I find it a healthy source of protein for my body and spirit. I love the places it takes me. My boys love fishing, and I want for their future the ability to pursue fish in this state, with all of its natural beauty.

I love hunting mushrooms. Like hunting and fishing, it takes me places I would not visit otherwise. Like hunting and fishing, it gives me a reason to care about landscapes, land use and seasons.

Without these passions, I would not be nearly as engaged with the natural world.

They heighten my senses and focus far beyond anything else I've experienced.

Please, forever protect the right of all Oregonians to hunt, fish, forage and gather.

Matt Phillips