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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HJR5

I would like to be able make my voice heard concerning the decisions to hunt, fish, or gather food in the State of Oregon. I agree with the HSUS:

By establishing a right to fish, hunt or harvest wildlife and gather wild foods subject only to "laws enacted by the Legislative Assembly and rules adopted by state agencies," HJR 5 would deny Oregon citizens of our *constitutional right* to use the ballot initiative process to update, modernize and improve Oregon wildlife management and conservation based on changing values in the future.

So much of our wildlife has been killed by people who claim their rights. I also have the right to be concerned about what kind of state and country future generations will live in. So many of our natural resources are gone because of people's rapacious appetite for taking what they perceive to be theirs. In consequence many species are now extinct. The argument that hunting and fishing is necessary because of high food costs seems to be disingenuous for many people. When I have been in Capella's hunting and fishing chain I have seen the exorbitant prices people pay for gear. People who used to be hunters and gatherers showed a respect for the natural resources they depended on--such as indigenous people of North America. Those days are over.

I want to have my say in what happens in this state and this country--especially because so much selfish destruction has already taken place irreparably.

Sincerely,

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