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

Although this HJR may sound good on its face, it is meant to take away the rights of Oregonians to collectively decide the how, when, why, and where of hunting and trapping Oregon's wildlife. Oregon's wildlife is a valuable and treasured resource not just for hunters and trappers, but for all our citizens and each and every one of us should have an equal say in how we manage that wildlife. As a hiker, camper, bird watcher, snowshoer, and backpacker, I urge you to oppose this terrible HJR giving hunters and trappers priority over other citizens like me who enjoy and treasure our wildlife just as much for its non-consumptive value.

In addition, creating a Constitutional right to harvest wildlife opens the door to using this as a defense for poaching, making it even more difficult to prosecute these crimes. Harvesting wildlife is a privilege and not a right and HJR could create serious problems for law enforcement working hard to hold poachers accountable.

I urge you to vote "no" on HJR5. Thank you very much for your time.

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