



**Blue Mountain Chapter,  
Oregon Hunters Association**  
**Protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage**

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House Committee on Rules

RE: House Joint Resolution 5 – “Right to Fish, Hunt, Harvest, and Gather”

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input, for the record my name is Kevin Martin, I am the President of the Blue Mountain Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association, and I am from Pendleton, Oregon.

I am writing in support of House Joint Resolution 5 “Right to Fish, Hunt, Harvest, and Gather”. What this resolution means to me is that it ensures that current and future generations of my family and friends will continue to be able to fish, hunt, harvest, and gather. It will protect us from an outright ban on the ability to fish, hunt, harvest and gather and it allows for reasonable regulation of our activities. This is positive legislation for the citizens of Oregon, our wildlife, our heritage, and our conservation community.

I am proud of the leadership role hunter conservationists have taken in assuring that these resources are and will be available for existing and future generations. Our investment in protection and management of these resources over the past hundred plus years has assured all citizens the opportunity to engage with our amazing wildlife and wildlands.

Oregon has long been known as a state with bountiful natural resources and caring citizens that have been known for taking care of these resources. It is with great pride, and part of our heritage, that we can enjoy our wildlife and wildlands and the bounty they provide. This bounty includes some of the healthiest foods available and foods that have the least negative effect on our plant to provide. I would have been proud for Oregon to have been the leader in these protections, like we have been with so many others, but there are already 23 other states that have passed this constitutional protection.

House Joint Resolution ensures that current and future generations of Oregonians continue to have the right to fish, hunt, harvest and gather as previous generations have.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Kevin Martin

President, Blue Mountain Chapter, Oregon Hunters Association