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I'm a simple man surrounded by a too complicated and all too often righteous world. I've hunted, fished, hiked and camped out the better part of my life. I've enjoyed it so much that I involved my children, and now my grandchildren from an early age too. I can thankfully say that they enjoy and look forward to our next outing as much as I do - be it our 100th walk through the Federal Land next to my property or an overnight get away to some new and beautiful park,. Along the way, they learn about all sorts of practical things. They also shape behaviors that I suspect most folks still value such as confidence accompanied by respect, can do spirit along side self control, discovery, learning and adventure but not without planning and safety. Most of all a deep appreciation for life, balance, endless possibilities, traditions.and freedom.

Each of the activities I listed above are in my opinion a vital part of the glue, the thread that binds everything else in life together. They are so grounding, fundamental to living a full, healthy and productive life, that to ever lose any one of them would be to hamstring, cheat them of all the magnificent things which life has to offer.

On a practical basis, it would also rob our state of the vital resources (money via licenses & permits) needed to protect our great outdoors, habitats and the wildlife which relies on our citizens being good stewards. Protecting the right to hunt for example is every bit as important a right as our right to free speech, exercise of religion, and other freedoms accorded with minimal problem the last 250+ years, Frankly it's hard to imagine having to enshrine these freedoms in our state constitution when we're already afforded them by our national constitution. Then again, I hardly recognize much of our country any more, which in my mind means it's all the more important that we defend what core values and rights we do enjoy, so those who follow won't fear the shackles of unrestrained government power and control; what we used to call Communism. Having worked in a few such countries, I know of what I write and tell any and everyone I know to watch what they ask for, and defend by whatever means, the freedoms we still enjoy.

Please do the right thing, and support this bill to harden our defense of what is right and good for all our people, even those who have no idea what they ask or fear. .