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Dear Oregon Legislature,

On behalf of the rural areas of the state of Oregon I am writing this in complete opposition to the HB 3390.

It seems that the heavily populated areas in the state of Oregon are constantly in opposition the needs of rural areas and outdoorsmen. The constant attacks on trapping, hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation in the state of Oregon beyond belief. Those wishing to pass this seem to be in favor of outlawing all of the outdoor skills that built this state and indeed this country. Those in favor seem to want to outlaw farming and ranching as well. This will adversely affect over 2/3 of the entire state. Oregon was built on the backs of farmers and outdoorsmen. They should be respected rather than maligned!

This bill will drive businesses from Oregon, and drive prices on meat thru the roof. Is this the intention of the legislature? To drive out business and change the eating habits of Oregonians?

This bill also creates another divide. That of indigenous peoples and their way of life. Are their rights to be greater than those Oregonian's who are NOT tribal members?

This bill will also create waste of natural products by not allowing their reuse, repurpose and recycling. This reuse SHOULD be encouraged, not outlawed!

As usual, the legislature seems to be trying to regulate the rural areas at the request and perceived benefit of the urban areas while decimating rural business and families. This antipathy to the rural areas is a large part of the current divide in the nation with some suggesting that a political divide is inevitable.

It seems that this bill is being driven by feeling instead of science. This is the same thing that has driven Oregon's wrongheaded forest policies for years.

You, as legislators need to take ALL of the State of Oregon into account on these issues. I love being an Oregonian, and I love this state. Seeing the legislature, as well as the governor driving this urban/rural divide makes me weep for the future of our state and indeed our country.

Please vote NO on HB 3390

Thank You