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On Behalf Of: Oregon CattleWomen  
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My name is Morgan Kromm, and I am honored to support SCR 13 as the President of Oregon CattleWomen and a Harney County rancher who is passionate about our industry. The Oregon CattleWomen have voted unanimously to support the T-Bone as the steak to represent Oregon.

Oregon has a long, proud history of cattle ranching that dates back to the early 1800s, and today, cattle and beef production remain a cornerstone of our agricultural economy. In 2022 alone, cattle contributed nearly \$800 million to Oregon's economy, making them the second-leading agrarian commodity in the state. Beyond the numbers, ranching is a way of life for many families—mine included. It represents hard work, responsible land stewardship, and a commitment to providing high-quality, nutritious food.

The T-bone steak is a perfect representation of Oregon's beef industry. It features two premium cuts—the strip steak and the tenderloin—symbolizing the state's diversity and strength of ranching operations. Just as no two ranches are exactly alike, no two T-bones are the same, but they all showcase the quality beef that Oregon produces.

Designating the T-bone as Oregon's official state steak is more than just a recognition of its delicious flavor—it's an opportunity to celebrate the hard-working ranchers who provide safe, sustainable, and nutritious protein for families here in Oregon and beyond. It's a way to honor an industry that spans all 36 counties and supports rural communities, local businesses, and our state's overall agricultural success.

I encourage you to support SCR 13 and officially recognize the T-bone steak as part of Oregon's proud ranching heritage. Thank you for your time and your consideration of this resolution.