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I would like to formally express my opposition to HB 3856. While I understand and appreciate the intention behind providing tax credits for individuals who purchase hunting and fishing permits, I am concerned about the accompanying increase in tag prices. The significant rise in costs for these permits undermines the benefits of the proposed tax credits, making it more challenging for outdoor enthusiasts to participate in these activities. Meaning, I feel the cost for us the people will far outweigh the benefits we will see from this. I am an active kayaker, hiker, hunter and fisherwoman who used this as a way to put food on my table and keep active with my family. The increased tax prices would highly negatively effect our ability to participate, as my family and every other family I know in this area are already struggling so terribly in terms of financial stability. I believe that a more balanced approach is necessary to support both conservation efforts and the accessibility of hunting and fishing for the public.