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as a 84 year old seasoned trapper, having trapped the Willamette River system drainage system for 60 years. I have seen a stable population that has seen a steady harvest for six decades. some years where harvest was neglected I observed notably more pelt damage from conflicts of over population. Beavers were more pressed for denning sites due to un regulated carrying capacity. I have personally harvested animals that have been riddled with bites from other beavers causing animal grievance and suffering. I have observed over these years this has shown me that regulated harvest of beavers has kept the population in overall better health. Also beaver damage alone to our water ways will increase with a higher beaver population. requiring land owners and farmers to hire professional exterminators to remove nuisance animals. This will cost them hundreds of dollars per incident. Trappers help to keep these damage costs to a minimum and better utilize and honor the animal.

I fully oppose this bill that curtails the healthy harvest we have sustained for many years.