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Senate Committee on Judiciary

RE: SB 1545-Corner Crossing

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher and Committee:

My name is Jake Seavert. I currently serve as the 1st Vice President of Oregon Cattlemen's Association (OCA). I urge the committee, on behalf of OCA, to oppose Senate Bill 1545 in relation to "Corner Crossings".

Senate Bill 1545 will bring forward many problems that it supposedly will fix. BLM lands are checkerboarded throughout Oregon, mostly Eastern Oregon. Hunters and recreationists currently use apps on their phones that are inaccurate and inadvertently find themselves in a trespassing situation. Along with the use of apps, people are relying on the accuracy of fencelines in proportion to real property lines and survey markers where some do not exist. Some hunters or recreationalists will purposely trespass knowing the app is wrong. Landowners will burden the cost of these incidences. The costs will include increased patrol of property, damage to the range from possible concentrated ATV use, trash left behind, cut fences, missing cattle and most of all it could cause loss of grazing privileges from degradation of natural resources caused by excessive use by some people.

The beef cattle sector is the largest agricultural economic sector in the state. Oregon's ranchers make their living with these lands, it is in our best interest to protect and preserve them. If hunters want to access them, it is suggested permission to enter the location in question be acquired directly through the landowner. Face-to-face conversation with the locals will be the most reliable means to access desired hunting locations. I'll quote an outdoorsman podcaster when he says, "building relationships with cattle producers and landowners in the way of offering assistance in fence repair every year caused by wildlife is a good way to gain access".

OCA is concerned with the current legal battles in the 10th Circuit Court.

In conclusion Oregon Cattlemen's Association urges the committee oppose Senate Bill 1545 – Corner Crossing.

Respectfully,

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OREGON CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION