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Subject: Support for ODFW and ODFW Outdoor Skills Program

Dear Sen. Edwards and Rep. Unger,

My name is Daniela Todesco. I'm a 35-year old woman from Portland. When I moved to Oregon a few years ago from California, I was looking for ways to learn new outdoors skills and meet more people interested in the same activities. I then stumbled across the ODFW Outdoor Skills Program, and I never left. I initially took the crabbing and razor clamming workshops (who knew what razor clams where??), and I liked it so much that I asked Mark Newell to become a volunteer on those and other workshops (which he happily obliged). I've been helping out on-site with the workshops for the last year, and some of my happiest memories are tied to those days. I didn't just learn how to shoot, catch, and clean fish, but I met incredible people who care about wildlife and are trying to spread the message that it's entirely possible to balance out the love for the outdoors and preservation with hunting and fishing. With more and more people living the "city" life, with more parents unable to pass on the tradition of fishing, hunting, and even camping, it's imperative for the State to have a way to provide this opportunity to adults and children alike. More knowledge and experience means more respect for life, more attention towards the environment, and more connection with each other. I strongly support the Outdoor Skills Program (and ODFW at large) and I don't think we could do without it!

Best regards,

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