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Dear Staff Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill 2525 (HB 2525) and thank you for your consideration of amendment -A3, which ensures that donation of game meat will include the inspection of meat for lead contamination. I support hunter donation organizations in their effort to reduce food insecurity in our state, and also strongly support the -A3 amendment to this bill. I believe that it is critical to guarantee that recipients of donated game meat are not unknowingly exposing themselves, their families and their children to lead contamination.

Lead is a known toxin that is already regulated in paint, gasoline, and other historically significant sources of contamination. However, lead in ammunition continues to be largely unregulated in this country, despite evidence that fragmentation of lead ammunition in harvested meat is linked to elevated blood lead levels in people who consume game meat, particularly children.

I believe that a lead screening process proposed by amendment A3 to HB 2525 is the right precaution to take to ensure that we are not exposing families and children to lead risk. This is a common sense amendment to protect Oregon's children.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of Amendment -A3 to House Bill 2525.

Sincerely,

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