

January 31, 2023

Re: HJR5

Respectfully submitted to the Oregon Legislature,

I strongly support the adoption of HJR5 and its referral to the 2024 Oregon ballot.

As a third generation Oregonian, avid outdoorsman, and firm believer in self-reliance and personal responsibility – I urge you all to see the merits of this resolution. I ask that you give Oregonians the opportunity to vote their support for the long standing hunting, fishing and foraging traditions that have existed here for generations.

I believe it is the right of every Oregonian to legally and ethically source wild foods to feed and care for their families as has been the life long tradition for many in this state. I staunchly reject the numerous initiatives seeking to prohibit our ability to provide healthy food for our families and further eroding our ability to be self-sufficient.

The last three years have shown us clearly that nation's food basket is ill equipped to handle pandemics, natural disasters, regional conflicts and the ensuing socio-economic strife they cause. Our national food network is not equipped to deal with major upheaval and supply change shortages. Additionally, the resulting inflationary pressures on food prices make life harder for average citizens in the state.

I ask that you give Oregonians the opportunity to join 23 other states in this Union that have passed into law the constitutional protection of their citizen's rights to hunt, fish and forage to feed and care for the wellbeing of their families. We the people want the right to decide.

Respectfully,



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