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I strongly support House Joint Resolution 5 for the following reasons that are important to me, my family, and my hunt party.

- My Wife and I our approaching retirement in a couple of years. It has been our dream for many years to fish, hunt, travel, and explore the great state of Oregon at our leisure. Yes, we have enjoyed hunting and fishing for many years, but only when work and raising a family didn't interfere. To lose the right to hunt and fish is taking away Oregonians rights to enjoy the bounties offered to those who choose to hunt and fish.
- The most important part of hunting trips is getting todays youth out of the house away from today's modern lifestyle and electronic devises and teach them how to fish, hunt, and survive in the great outdoors. I have had the pleasure of teaching a few young men the pertinent facts of hunting, harvesting and field dressing deer and elk, back country navigation, and survival skills. Not only is it a life lesson for today's youth but also satisfying for me as I get to pass along to the next generation of hunters what I was taught when I learned how to hunt and fish.
- There is no better way to span the generation gap than spending a week or two in deer and/or elk camp with fellow hunters. Everyone learns to work together as a team to accomplish chores such as camp setup and teardown, cutting and splitting firewood, cooking, and most importantly spending time talking and telling stories around the campfire.
- My Grandchildren are 8 and 11 years old. They will be enrolling in hunter's safety classes this year so they can start hunting this fall. I want to teach them what I was taught as a young man. I want them to enjoy and respect the beauty of Oregon's back country as I do and teach them the life skills that have been passed down thru generations of family.

I have looked forward to having my grandchildren in hunting camp since before they were born. I can't imagine what life would be like if Oregonians were no longer allowed to hunt and fish. Being able to hunt and fish in Oregon is considered a very important part of Oregon's heritage and should not be taken away.

Thank you
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