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Dear Oregon State House Rules Committee,

Oregon's wildlife and wild spaces are incredibly important to me as a constituent, an avid hiker, and an animal behaviorist that deeply enjoys observing wildlife. **I respectfully ask that you oppose HJR5.**

I travel weekly to enjoy our wild spaces all over our state. I know the proverbial elephant in the room when issues relating to hunting arise in our government is an us vs. them mentality -- those that hunt and those that don't. This is so deeply hurtful to us all. In reality, we all need each other to have fulfilling lives in our beautiful state and everyone contributes to that collective good. HJR5 would allow our hunting residents to dictate how our shared wildlife is used, to increase noise pollution from gunshots that can be heard for miles, and it would unfairly define how we all collectively enjoy the animals entrusted to our care and conservation.

I am also very concerned about the civic implications of HJR5. We live in an increasingly authoritarian, anti-democratic world. It is totally inappropriate for the House Rules Committee to approve an amendment that would prevent the public from using our right to impact change related to our collective wildlife via the ballot initiative process. HJR5 is harmful not only to our wildlife but to our citizens and the trust we place in our legislators.

Thank you so much for all that you do on behalf of Oregonians and for this opportunity to participate in discourse about one of our cherished public resources -- our wild animals.

Sincerely,
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