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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HJR5

I oppose HJR 5 because it would elevate hunting, fishing, and "harvesting" (misleading term) wildlife over other, more respectful and peaceful interactions with our wildlife. Why should we "non-consumptive" wildlife appreciators -- who value living, thriving wildlife -- have fewer protected rights than those who want to kill? In addition, although HJR 5 seems to be geared towards hunting and fishing for sustenance, it is vague enough to encompass trophy hunting as well, which is ethically repugnant and could very well lead to the kind of unrestrained slaughter that some of our neighboring states -- such as Idaho and Montana -- are now engaged in when it comes to predatory species. I urge you to oppose HJR 5.