

To: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

SUBJECT: Support SB 1590

Co-Chair Helm, Co-Chair Owens, Vice-Chair McDonald, and members of the committee,

My name is Max Gouveia and I live in Portland, Oregon. I am a hiker, angler and rock climber proudly utilizing public lands. I am writing in **strong support of SB 1590**.

Oregon's vast public lands provide access and opportunities for hunters, anglers, and other outdoor enthusiasts across the state. Yet our public lands are facing increasing threats of privatization, which also threaten our freedom to hunt, fish, and enjoy the wild places that belong to all of us.

SB 1590 would help protect our public lands and the freedoms we hold dear by prohibiting Oregon's public bodies from using state or local resources to assist the federal government in selling certain federal public lands in Oregon to private parties.

The bill would apply only to applicable properties managed by the Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, or the National Park Service, and it includes common sense provisions to allow for continued collaboration on natural resource and wildlife management.

Public lands matter to me because they're where I've spent some of the most meaningful moments of my adult life; fishing in quiet water at dawn, hiking long miles into the backcountry, climbing rock that has stood longer than any of us. These places shape who we are. They also carry Oregon's hunting heritage, ensuring that future generations can learn the skills, values, and respect for the land that come from time spent outdoors. Without open access, those traditions fade, and the connection between people and the land weakens.

If these lands were privatized or access restricted, it would deeply affect my community. We would lose the places where we teach our kids, where we gather with friends, and where we find a sense of belonging in Oregon's landscape. Once that access is gone, it's nearly impossible to restore.

SB 1590 will help safeguard public lands against the threat of privatization, and ensure access and opportunity for Oregon hunters and anglers for generations to come. I urge your support of SB 1590.

Sincerely,

Max Gouveia

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