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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1590

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 Emily Miller and I live in Corvallis. I am a hunter and forager and because of the connection these activities forge between myself and our 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.

I moved to Oregon in 2014, and it is the unique access to public lands in this state and ability to hunt, forage, and fish on them that makes this state home to me. It is a big reason why I intend to continue to build a life in this great state. The privatization and subsequent loss of access to our public lands would negatively impact myself and choice to work and live in Oregon.

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,  
Emily Miller  
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