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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1590

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

My name is Brian Wadyka and I live in Damascus, OR. My family and I hunt, fish, and forage across this great state not only for enjoyment, but as a way of life, and as a way to feed ourselves good, real food. 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.

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,
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