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The right to hunt and fish is necessary to the people of Missouri's livelihood and heritage. This is how generation connect this is how children bond with their elders. Passing on knowledge of the outdoors and the skills to eat when you have no money. God forbid that anyone ever lands in that situation. This is a staple to the people of Missouri and the right to hunt fish and trap needs to stay a right.



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I fully support this bill and wish you would add trapping to it. HJR 23 & HJR 38 "Right to Hunt & Fish" Not one species has gone extinct due to regulated hunting and trapping; rather, they've only flourished. Hunter + Conservation. Hunting and Trapping found this country is a American Heritage that this country would not exist if hunting and trapping did not exist. But just like life – Most people have forgotten where they came from. They exist in the big cities, while I have lived a life of Hunting, Fishing and Trapping and even was part of my living and career for many years. Majority of the public have forgotten their existence has killed or displaced the wildlife and destroyed habitat. The house, roads, subdivision, workplace, malls, stores, and manufacturing plants have replaced the woods, waters, and fields. The North American Wildlife Conservation Model is the most successful Wildlife model in history. Wildlife is managed under the principles of The North American Wildlife Conservation Model. The Model. In cases where population ****REDUCTION**** is the management goal, managers must implement ****FEMALE**** harvest beyond the level at which the population can replace itself in the short-term. POPULATION REDUCTIONS or maintenance at appropriate levels are a clear case of HUNTERS acting as partners in wildlife management. Recent international symposia have reaffirmed that regulated HUNTING is the MOST EFFECTIVE TOOL to assure species exist in balance with their habitat. This shows the IMPORTANCE OF HUNTING IN CONTROLLING WILDLIFE POPULATIONS. In some areas, deer overpopulation increases because Cities, Parks, Sanctuaries, or landowners RESTRICT HUNTING. Hunters and Trappers are Stewards of Wildlife and adopt the North American Model for Wildlife Conservation or Modern Society that Anti Hunters and Trappers who turn wildlife into "No Value Animal" Wildlife has to be managed and in cases where hunting, and trapping has been eliminated for Anti-hunting and trapping political reason only the GOVERNMENT HAS TO KILL THEM! FACT – California has eliminated Mountain Lion Hunting years ago. Today the State of California Government now kills more Mountain Lions than hunters ever did. FACT – California Cities ban REAL FUR – California Bans Bobcat hunting and Trapping. FACT – California Anti's currently trying to ban Black Bear hunting with population of 40,000 and last year hunters only killed 1,000. FACT - Federal and state officials had to kill wild bison on Yellowstone National Park. FACT - The Oregon Commission will move on the petition to ban beaver trapping. FACT – Federal Shooters kill Mountain Goat in the Grand Tetons instead of hunters. FACT - Idaho Fish and Game Kill 206 Healthy EIK because of over population in area. FACT – New Jersey Governor Bans Bear Hunting – Complaints go up 93% the next year. FACT – Deer killed across nation by the state governments in cities. FACT - Coyote Contest banned and Trapping banned - Federal Trappers poison Coyotes! could fill up pages and pages of state with over population now banning Hunting and Trapping because of Anti-Hunting and trapping politics. I fully support this bill and wish you would add trapping to it. HJR 23 and HJR 38 "Right to Hunt & Fish"



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The right to hunt and fish in this country is a right and a privilege that has been protected since the founding. Sportsmen bear the costs of good stewardship through the payment a tax through the Pittman-Robertson act as well as the Missouri conservation Tax. Hunting and fishing is a valuable economic enterprise in Missouri, generating jobs and income to all regions of the state. The traditions passed from one generation to the next preserves this way of celebrating family and friendship. Through wise conservation efforts, hunting and fishing keeps wildlife and fisheries populations in check. Conservation activities benefit not only game species, but many nongame and even threatened and endangered species. I have worked in conservation efforts my entire life as a forester and wildlife habitat specialist. The role hunters and fishermen in the management of these resources has been pivotal in getting many of these works done. The vast majority see the sports of hunting and fishing as more than just filling a freezer or creel. The see themselves as stewards of these valuable resources. The loss of the citizens to pursue their rights to hunt and fish would be a blow to the economies of rural Missouri and prove to be detrimental to the states game and no game species. I am certainly in favor of this bill



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"Sportsmen in many states increasingly feel as if they are the ones outside the duck blind, and they are turning to state constitutions to ensure their hallowed pastime will continue in perpetuity. Increasing urbanization, decreased habitat, declining numbers of sportsmen, and more restrictions on hunting are common factors in the quest to assert the right to hunt and fish in a state's most basic and difficult-to-amend document. Land that has been traditionally open to sportsmen, development of farmland and forests, along with pressure from other recreational groups such as hikers, bicycles and off-road vehicles, is putting the pinch on the available land for harvesting game and fish. Well-organized animal rights groups such as HSUS & PETA and limitations on methods, seasons and bag limits for certain game species, have provoked many hunter advocacy groups to lobby for hunting and fishing as a right, and their call is being heard in statehouses across the country. 23 states now have "Right to Hunt and Fish" in their state constitutions: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. 2 states have "Right to Fish": California and Rhode Island."~ National Conference of State Legislators Please, let's make Missouri state number 24 in preserving this right! Thank you, Executive Director Missi Ferguson Missouri Hunting and Working Dog Alliance



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I fully support HJR38			



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If covid allows I will be There.As a part of a common law Federal Tribe Our Tribal Citizens Have the right to hunt,fish and gather, west of the Mississippi River for subsistence.This right is too fundamental to brush aside by any organization, federal or state.



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Hunting, fishing, and trapping are a cornerstone of the North American Model of Conservation. They must be protected with all possible resources. The revenue generated from outdoorspeople annually is crucial to our state's Department of Conservation.



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