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Missouri Farm Bureau has member-adopted policy that reads, "We support amending the Missouri Constitution to guarantee the right to hunt, fish and harvest game subject to state law and regulations."



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Absolutely...hunting and fishing is one way to teach our youth about respecting the outdoors, the proper handling of firearms and conservation for future use that others can enjoy.



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WITNESS NAME: LUKE HILGEMANN		PHONE NUMBER: 608-345-7627	
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Testimony in Support of Missouri House Joint Resolution 87 Luke Hilgemann Executive Director T. Roosevelt Action and IOTR Chairman Sassman and Members of the Committee, I am writing to express my strong support for Missouri House Joint Resolution 87, which seeks to enshrine the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife into Missouri's state constitution. I believe that this constitutional amendment is crucial for protecting and preserving your state's rich hunting and fishing traditions, as well as your natural resources. While Missouri has a constitutionally created Department of Natural Resources, it is important to establish a constitutionally protected right to hunt and fish to safeguard against potential threats brought by anti-hunting and fishing interests. Making hunting and fishing the "preferred methods" for managing wildlife and fish populations in Missouri will block efforts being advanced by groups like PETA that say: "Nature Takes Care of Its Own" - the delicate balance of ecosystems ensures their survival—if they are left unaltered. Natural predators help maintain this balance by killing only the sickest and weakest individuals. Hunters, however, kill any animal whose head they would like to hang over the fireplace—including large, healthy animals who are needed to keep the population strong." Source: Why 'Sport' Hunting Is Cruel and Unnecessary



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MO has a strong Dept of Natural Resources. They do not need legislative interference. We must protect at all cost our natural environment.VOTE no on HJR 87! Do not support HJR 87



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I started spending time in the woods, witnessing my family hunt, fish and trap, when I was in diapers. As a female hunter and fisher for over 3 decades, I value the management of our resources. Over the years, habits and populations of game in MO have ebbed and flowed, as nature intends. Dissolving the regulations and management of MO resident and out of state hunting and fishing will result in the depletion of species. As well as cause an enormous danger for private land owners and the public. Allowing free reign hunting and fishing is dangerous. And decreases revenue for the state via in and out of state licenses and permits. I personally think this is a terrible idea and will result in less ethical hunting and fishing in MO. As well as cause an increase in litter and distraction of lands. Thank you.



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Missouri has an excellent system in place to regulate the hunting and fishing to support these systems in place.



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February 5, 2024 Representative Bruce Sassmann 201 West Capitol Avenue 305-A Jefferson City, MO 65101 Dear Chairman Sassmann and Members of the Committee, Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. House Joint Resolution No. 87 would threaten Missouri's natural environment by removing a method designed to protect against violations of Missouri's hunting and fishing regulations. For this reason, we respectfully ask that you oppose HJR 87. This bill proposes a constitutional amendment to assert the right of Missourians to hunt and fish. Currently, every Missourian has the right to hunt and fish. However, they do not have the right to poach, overfish or ignore Missouri's hunting and fishing regulations. This bill would encourage that unlawful activity by removing one of the tools designed to control it. The bill language states that "no law, rule, or regulation shall unreasonably restrict hunting, fishing, or harvesting wildlife." The Missouri Department of Conservation does not have the right to revoke a hunting or fishing license as it sees fit. It is a rigorous process often involving several convictions of wildlife violations. The suspension of hunting rights is then submitted to the appointed members of the Conservation Commission, who have the authority to grant the privilege or not. HJR 87 would remove this important safeguard and encourage the unlawful harvest of Missouri's game and fish resources. Once again, the Missouri Coalition for the Environment asks you to vote "NO" on HJR 87 in order to safeguard Missourians' right to hunt and fish and protect against poaching and irreversible harm to Missouri's wildlife habitats. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Melissa Vatterott, JD Policy Director Missouri Coalition for the Environment mvatterott@moenvironment.org (314) 727-0600, ext. 111



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Missouri already have an excellent system in place to ensure our wildlife is protected, so as to make sure that this and future generations have a right to hunt and fish. We have an excellent Department of Conservation. This proposed change to our constitution is not needed.



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