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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to convey my concern about the vague wording and possible consequences of Colorado Amendment 83, which seeks to prioritize traditional hunting and fishing practices for wildlife management within Colorado. The goal of ensuring the right to hunt and fish within Colorado is unnecessary given other state laws, and the vague wording of “traditional” practices is concerning. In particular, I am concerned that this wording could be construed to mean that hunting with lead ammunition is “traditional” and hence a protected right, in spite of increasing evidence of serious health consequences of for both hunters and wildlife. As an ecologist and conservation biologist with extensive work on the effects of lead on one particular species, the California condor, I have seen the extent to which lead ammunition use can imperil native species. While the right to hunt and fish is a public good, the vague wording of this measure is of serious concern, and ignores the fact that changing scientific understanding should inform wildlife management practices. Most broadly, this Amendment would remove the ability of state managers to use improving information and understanding of wildlife science to best manage our public resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Doak', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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