

To whom it may concern:

As an Oregon resident, I strongly oppose this bill. "Sport" hunting is simply ridiculous, alone, but allowing dogs to go up against a cougar and rip him/her to shreds is no better than dogfighting, to both the dogs and the large cat.

To learn that the state of Oregon, who is renowned for its humanity toward and protection of animals, is even considering such a barbaric sport to resume is sickening, appalling, and frankly disappointing.

I implore you not to allow this to pass. Please set an example for the kind of standards that we expect from our country: compassion, fairness, and humanity toward all living beings. "Live and let live", not "live and put your dogs into danger to rip apart a poor scared animal just trying to survive, for your entertainment."

I just read that the dogs chase the cougar up a tree so the hunter can shoot him/her more easily.

How is that any semblance of fair?

How is that any different than walking into someone's house, cornering them, and shooting them in the face?

It's simply not.

Do the right thing. Do the noble thing.

Do not let this to continue.

Sincerely,

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