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I would like the opportunity to provide the statement below at the 6pm hearing today (2/21) on HB 2795.

“My name is Jacob Williams, I have been a resident of Oregon for the last 20 years. I grew up in a rural ranching community in Eastern Oregon and have resided in the Willamette Valley for the last 14 years. As a person with strong ties to the ranching industry and as a hunter and outdoorsman in Oregon I would to encourage the committee to offer its support of House Bill 2795 (The Cougar Relief Bill). All of Oregon’s resources are to be managed with the most effective means available, backed with the most recent scientific supporting evidence. The wildlife management in this state is often hamstrung by emotional dictation from the often sparsely informed public that carries majority decision for all of Oregon.

As someone who recreates in the beautiful lands that Oregon has to offer, as a citizen, a father who hopes his child will enjoy the outdoors, and conservationist who dedicates time and funds to Oregon and its wildlife every year I care deeply for our wildlife and its management. Please look to the science that supports adequate means of cougar management for all Oregonians. Do not let our outdoor industry become marred with fear because of our over population of predators.

Thank you”

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