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Good afternoon!

I am writing today to urge you to respect and protect Measure 18, which is the will of the people, as it was passed in 1994 and then again supported by a large margin in 1996. This measure allows state and federal wildlife agents to hound cougars if they are a threat to property and public safety, helping them with their wildlife management objectives.

This measure stops the cruel practice of trophy hunting, which does not align with the beliefs of Oregonians. If the Trophy hunter groups want this measure repealed, then they need to go thru the channels that we all go thru, by collecting signatures to try to place this issue back on the ballot.... For the third time.

Please follow the science that shows that removing older cougars, which is what the trophy hunters will go after, affects the balance that us humans and cougars keep. This leaves vacancies for younger inexperienced cougars to hunt livestock as they don't have the skills to hunt wild prey.

Please don't let a few overturn the will of the many.

Thank you!

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