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To: National Resources Committee and Speaker of the House Tina Kotek:

Please respect the will of Oregonians and vote NO on HB 2795 and HB 3118. These bills represent efforts to repeal and/or weaken Measure 18. TWICE, Oregon voters have voted uphold Measure 18, which bans the cruel and unsporting practices of bear baiting and bear and cougar hound hunting (called “hounding”).

Some legislators, it appears, want to circumvent the citizen initiative process and have the legislature refer Measure 18 back to the voters once again. If they are determined to bring this topic back to Oregon voters a third time, they should have to collect the 100,000 signatures that will allow them to do so.

Measure 18 already allows state and federal wildlife agents to remove individual cougars involved in conflicts with humans, pets, and livestock. Trophy hunters want to resume their antiquated practice of hound hunting Oregon’s wild animals as a form of entertainment—and for bragging rights. Scientific studies have shown that this trophy hunting of cougars upsets the big cats’ social structure and actually causes more conflict with humans and their domestic animals.

Oregonians have spoken—twice—about wanting to ban hound hunting throughout the state. Please respect our wishes to uphold Measure 18 without amendments and VOTE NO on HB 2795 and HB 3118.

Sincerely,

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