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 Subject:
 No on HB 2795 and HB 3118

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## Dear Representatives,

I am writing to ask that you vote NO on HB 2795 and HB 3118, which would repeal Measure 18. Oregonians have already expressed their opposition to bear and cougar-baiting with hounds. This is mere trophy hunting--a cruel blood sport. Statistics have proven that hunting these animals does not protect ranches or farms. People insist they have the right to use arms for protection and for food--that was the original purpose of the 2nd Amendment. However, we need to "call a spade a spade." This cruel type of killing is solely for the sport of it. This can endanger hounds and cubs as well as nursing bear and cougar mothers. I remember being told that once hounds are of no more use they are taken to a circle and shot.

These are sentient creatures, capable of suffering. As an Oregonian, I hope Oregon continues to uphold humane laws. I do wonder about people who have no compassion for other living creatures and gain pleasure in killing them. I wonder how humane they are to other human beings.

Please uphold Measure 18. Oregonians have voted for this.

Sincerely,

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