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Hello,

My name is Robert Bourland and I am a lifelong Oregonian. I have enjoyed the great outdoors here for the last 44 years. Hunting, fishing, camping and backpacking have been my family's passion my whole life.

I have seen the steady decline in our mule deer populations since hunting with hounds was banned 30 years ago. In some places in our state we are in serious trouble!! As seen by the collaring study on Hart Mountain bighorn sheep cougars are a major factor in declining ungulate populations. Please let sportsman and women help control these populations in counties where it is needed! We spend millions of dollars a year trying to save mule deer, this is a simple solution that will help deer and help Odfw by selling tags and generating funding for the department.

I still remember being a child in the 80's and driving around our public lands with my family and seeing our great mule deer herds. Now I take my kids out to those same places and it is sad to see nothing.

Thank You

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