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As I have a small farm, pets and a family that lives in rural Oregon, I support SB769. Myself and many others just within this small community I live in have been victims of the ever-growing, predacious cougar population. Recently, two of my 3 week old lambs were killed within my 6 acre, wire fenced property by a cougar.

Again, I have my farm as well as pets and my family. It is my responsibility as a husband and father to manage the safety of my pregnant wife and my 3 year old daughters safety.

It is difficult to have a safe environment for my family, within the property boundaries they live with the presents of this cougar threat. That being said, I am also a tax payer and not by choice. If I am forced to pay taxes by individuals claiming the taxes are allocated for my best interests and safety, then this bill should be a no brainer. The protection of our rural community, livestock and wildlife that are detrimented by this cougar threat is extremely important.