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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB769

As a native-born Oregonian who has lived here for all of my 70 years, I strongly urge you to oppose SB 769, which would expand the use of hounds to hunt cougars.

What right do you have to overturn the will of the voters? We have already shown where we Oregonians stand on this issue TWICE, that a majority of Oregonians are OPPOSED to hunting of cougars with hounds and want to keep the current protections in place.

By allowing counties to “opt out” of Measure 18, an override of the twice stated will of the voters, will create a chaotic patchwork approach to wildlife management and law enforcement. Please do the right thing by opposing SB 769; show that Oregon is better than this blatant disregard of the voters' will.