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

RE: SB 769 "OPPOSE"

To Whom it may concern,

As an Oregonian, I strongly urge you to oppose SB 769. This bill would overturn the will of the voters, who have already shown where they stand on this issue—twice. Oregonians are opposed to the hunting of cougars with hounds and want to keep their protections in place.

My heart goes out to animals who live among us. They are at the mercy of us... Our choices regarding the environment and the land we ALL call home. We have been making poor choices. We encroach in their areas, force them to live among us, then kill them if they become bothersome! Senate Bill 769 allows a cruel practice, and creates a chaotic patchwork approach to wildlife management and law enforcement.

We personally purchased acreage in a wildlife area. We knew it could come with some wildlife challenges. We made the choice, and find ways to live among them and enjoy their presence. We protect the domesticated animals we have from the coyotes and cougars who roam. Never would we expect a cougar to be killed for roaming through our property. People, need to be more accepting and responsible living among our wildlife! Humans are the problem, not cougars!

Oregonians have spoken...Twice before! It's time to listen! Oppose SB 769!

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