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On Behalf Of:
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Wildfire
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My name is Diana Wirth, I am a resident in Klamath County. We have mountain lions on our ranch and have had mountain lion casualties. I am submitting testimony in favor of SB 769.

Each county in Oregon faces different issues, and wildlife management is certainly one of them. I believe SB 769 would offer each county the flexibility of managing this issue as it is necessary, and in a timely manner. I also believe SB 769 would support ODFW in predator control and management -effectively reducing costs to the agency.

In closing, management of predators is mandatory to encourage restoration of the wild, ungulate population which has experienced catastrophic losses this past decade, due to predators. It is heartbreaking to have witnessed the decline of the deer population as the predator population has grown out of control.

I thank you for your time and urge you to support this balanced, common sense bill.
Regards,
Diana Wirth