

FROM THE DESK OF

# Douglas County Livestock Association

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Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife  
Oregon Legislature  
Salem, Oregon

Chair Golden  
Vice Chair Nash

Re: SB 769

I am writing to submit testimony on behalf of the members of the Douglas County Livestock Association in support of SB 769.

Oregon has a wide diversity of Counties in their physical makeup, their topography and their wildlife populations. Many Counties have experienced significant growth in populations of large predators. Counties experiencing these conditions as they relate to Cougar populations should have the ability address these conditions. SB 769 is such a tool allowing for a popular vote to permit the individual County to opt out of the prohibition on hunting Cougars with dogs helping to relieve lethal pressure on livestock. This is a common sense approach on a County by County basis to a growing problem for Livestock producers. Please pass SB 769.

Thank You

Sincerely yours,

William Hoyt

President, Douglas County Livestock Association