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I am writing to share my voice as an Oregon resident who values wildlife Conservation. As an avid outdoorsman I've witnessed the rapid decline in ungulate populations in eastern Oregon and I'm deeply concerned for their future as well as the future for a balanced healthy ecosystem. Our ecosystem is like a pendulum where drought, winter kill, human encroachment among many more factors play role in the population and health of all species on the landscape. Measure 18 was a magnet to this pendulum holding too much protection for one species. As a result we are witnessing the collapse of a balanced prey and predator relationship on the land. Oregon has proven by banning hunting with the aid of hounds we are unable to keep cougar populations in harmony. By allowing the use of hounds as a management tool under the supervision and regulations of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife that balance can be restored quickly as well as regulated on an annual basis to keep that pendulum in balance.

As stewards of the land we must protect it!

I appreciate your attention to this matter,  
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