Greetings:

Although I am a resident of Pennsylvania, I make regular visits to Oregon for leisure purposes. I can't imagine making them or continuing to praise Oregon if HB 2795 passes. It is a cruel nullification of two popularly-mandated referendums that made it clear that residents of Oregon consider hound hunting unacceptable.

It is simple science that a healthy cougar population, one not persecuted by such hunting, tremendously benefits the larger ecology of the land.

Please vote no on HB 2795 for the sake of the health of Oregon, for the cougars, for the Oregonians who voted twice to ban such hunting, and for visitors like me who are shocked that the legislature would even consider such a subversion of the democratic process for such short-sighted and misguided ends.

Thank you,

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