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Subject: NO on HB 2795!
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Dear Chair Witt and Members of the Committee:

We have been down this road already! Oregon voters do **NOT** support any idea to weaken or invalidate Measure 18! **NO on HB 2795.**

Anti-wildlife lawmakers in Oregon are proposing a bill, HB 2795, that allows counties to "opt out" of Measure 18's prohibitions on using dogs to hunt cougars for sport.

HB 2795 is another outrageous affront to create a loop hole to Measure 18.

Voters reaffirmed their decision even more decisively in 1996 by rejecting a ballot measure to repeal Measure 18. Oregonians have stated **TWICE** that they view hound hunting as unacceptably cruel and unsparing practice.

Allowing counties to exclude themselves from a statewide law would set a terrible precedent, putting other voter-approved measures at risk of being undermined or repealed.

A small few legislators like to stir up baseless stories driving public fear of wildlife carnivores as a means to drive an agenda supported by the few, mainly trophy-hunters and the like that enjoy the bloody spectacle of dogs and cougars tearing each other apart. This is unacceptable and barbaric.

It would also create a confusing, county-by-county, patchwork approach to managing wildlife, and would disrupt and thwart the state's broader wildlife management objectives.

As a voter, I do **NOT** support yet another violent approach to wildlife management and therefore do NOT support HB 2795. I ask you to consider doing the same.

We must push to be better and less violent in our approaches. **NO on HB 2795. HB 2795 would be regression.**

Respectfully,

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