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House of Natural Resources Committee

I live out of state but travel to Oregon quite a bit to compete in rodeos and to visit family and friends. I understand that once again the Oregon Cougars are on the chopping block with the new proposed bill HB 2795 to allow trophy hunting with dogs. This is inhumane and cruel. I don't see this helping our wild lands just so Good ole boys can have bragging rights they killed a Cougar. I don't believe allowing Counties to decide the fate of Cougars for the empty hole mankind has for destroying all that is wild. Not all, think this way of destruction, there are many who want to live and let live, save our wild lands and wild life. If in the past, it has been voted to do away with this sport, then you should listen you to your people you represent. We all need to come to a higher plane in life, we have to live with nature and return the balance of nature to our Mother Earth. I am Native American and have been taught to respect our land and live with nature and there is no need to allow this new bill to pass. Please take into consideration that you need to do the right thing and protect the Cougars and Please **VOTE NO on HB 2795**

Thank you for your time and I believe you will do what is best for our Wild.

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