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I am writing this testimony with deep concern over the fact I have to write it at all. Oregonians have voted repeatedly we do not want cougars hunted. We passed Measure 18 and for 30 years it has protected cougars and bears from baiting and and hounding.

It is now widely understood we need our carnivore population for a healthy biodiversity and planet and there are facts and examples available that support this. Hunting cougars will upset the balance and cause more harm than good.

Thank you for doing your part in helping to keep our planet healthy for ourselves and future generations, by opposing SB 769.