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Good morning and thank you for the opportunity to be heard. Our heritage and responsibility of stewardship for wildlife in Oregon predates the European influence. We are more than a part of our environment, and as such hold a greater role in its care. Conservation or (the wise use of a resource) is a concept that we live with each day in Oregon. What we do not take care of we loose and not being allowed to do what we can is wrong. Our cougar numbers in Oregon are potentially the highest concentration in the world, and many other species suffer for it. To lower or bring into balance this inequality will help mule deer populations as well as make room for the wolves that are now on the landscape. Not to mention make it safer for us as people to enjoy our many public lands . Senate bill 769 will give us another tool to help balance our environment, and that at the end of the day is how we as people can contributed to the places we live in and love.

Thank you for believing we can make a difference for wildlife!