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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB769

Hello,

I'm writing to urge the Senate Natural Resources Committee to oppose SB 769. Hounding is cruel and harmful to all animals involved, with packs of radio-collared dogs chasing the cougar until she retreats into a tree or rock ledge, and enabling the trophy hunter to shoot the cornered animal at close range. Cougars aren't trophies or a threat (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife data shows cougar complaints are at an all-time low) and as a keystone species need to be protected. Thank you.