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On Behalf Of:
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Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB769

We have lived in rural southern Oregon for over 32 years and are vehemently opposed to SB769. We have never even seen a cougar in all these years. We protect our domestic animals and live in concert with wildlife. Myself and our neighbors abhor cruelty to animals and supported Measure 18 because it is cruel to chase animals with dog packs up trees and shoot them at point blank range off a limb. That is not hunting, it's abuse and unethical.

Please note the following facts:

1. over 70 thousand cougar tags have been sold every year since 2016,
2. tag fees are only 11\$, and 2 tags per year are allowed
3. cougar season is year round
4. cougar kill quotas have gone up
5. hunter kills and total mortality are at highest level since 2021
6. the department of wildlife recommended NO PROPOSED CHANGES to cougar hunting in 2025 Big Game Regulations

In view of the above, and that a majority of Oregonians have twice voted to prohibit hounding of Oregon's cougars, I urge you to oppose this pointless attempt to undermine the will of Oregon voters by allowing counties to opt out of state wildlife laws. Imagine if counties could simply vote to overturn state laws when it suited them? This is not acceptable and this bill should be voted against.