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

Hello,

I would like to address measure SB 769. I support SB 769 because I've seen the impact of Oregon's cougar populations. I value Oregon's cougar population and want it to be sustainable and balanced. As an Oregon Rancher, having lived in 5 counties in my lifetime, I know a higher management is needed to protect livestock and help recover our dwindling deer and elk herds. This measure will allow counties to address issues before they become a larger threat. It is my understanding that houndsmen select particular animals to harvest when necessary. Limits and quotas are still to be managed by ODFW to ensure cougar populations remain sustainable.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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