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

Dear Honorable Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife:

Thank you for your service to the residents of the State of Oregon.

I strongly oppose SB 769.

Oregonians have already repeatedly voted and stated and petitioned that Oregon NOT have trophy hunting of cougars, and should not have the use of dogs to hunt cougars.

This bill makes a crazy-quilt pattern approach to wildlife management. The ODFW should have unified standards and ethics; Oregon should have management of wildlife that apply to OUR STATE as a whole not individual counties. Our wildlife management should not be left to the whims of counties. Wildlife management of all species (and especially cougars here) should be the result of ethics and care, under the guidance of educated professionals with scientific and ethical understandings, and with full consideration of each species and each individual within each species. We need to support our wildlife in Oregon, not allow our wildlife to be needlessly and cruelly slaughtered in sport hunting.

Hunting cougars or any wildlife with dogs is cruel and violates the ethics of "fair chase".

This bill would allow inhumane slaughtering of our precious cougars and would normalize pure cruelty.

I oppose SB 769 fully.

Thank you.

Jane Bicquette