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

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to show my support for SB 769, which would help communities in Oregon manage cougar populations and protect deer and elk herds.

This bill gives each county the choice to allow hound hunting if needed. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) will still be in charge of setting rules and regulations to make sure the hunting is done safely and responsibly. This means no county would have to allow hound hunting if they don't want to, and any hunting that does happen will follow the same science-based rules Oregon has always used.

Allowing hound hunting can be an effective way to manage cougar numbers in certain areas, helping protect other animals and local communities. I believe this bill is a fair solution that helps keep Oregon's wildlife and communities balanced, and I hope you will support it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,