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I am writing to passionately support SB769, a bill that could profoundly impact the way we manage our wildlife and ensure the safety of our communities. This legislation, which grants counties the authority to decide on the legality of hunting mountain lions with hounds, is not just a matter of policy—it is a matter of survival and stewardship.

Imagine the haunting cries of livestock falling prey to these powerful predators, the fear that grips rural families as they protect their pets and children. These are not distant, abstract concerns; they are the daily realities for many Oregonians. SB769 recognizes the urgent need for local autonomy, allowing those who live closest to the land and its challenges to make informed decisions that reflect their unique circumstances.

Mountain lions are majestic creatures, integral to our natural heritage. Yet, their increasing presence in populated areas demands a balanced approach that considers both conservation and community safety. By passing SB769, you empower counties to respond swiftly and effectively to the specific threats and opportunities posed by mountain lions, fostering a harmonious coexistence.

This bill is more than a piece of legislation; it is a beacon of hope for those who feel unheard and unprotected. It is a call to action for responsible, localized wildlife management that respects the voices of all Oregonians. I urge you to support SB769, to stand with our communities, and to champion a future where both people and wildlife can thrive.

Sincerely,

Austin S. Green