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Cougars already face enormous obstacles surviving amid human takeover of their territories. Hunting them with dogs is cruel, unfair, and inhumane. Please block this county by county potential exemption, which would allow the use of dogs to hunt and pursue wild cougars. We need wild predators to keep our ecosystems in balance. I live in a rural area, and we co-exist with the cougars. They are valued members of our community and we take care to protect both them and ourselves. Please protect cougars.

Thank you.