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On Behalf Of:

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Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or
Topic: SB769

Dear Sirs, I oppose SB 769, which allows the hunting of cougars by dogs. There is nothing in this bill which explains why it is necessary. Measure 18 has twice been affirmed by Oregon voters, who have made it clear they do not want sport hunting of cougars by using dogs. The Measure already contains provisions to allow dogs to hunt individual cougars which are a danger to public safety or threaten property. The sole purpose of this bill appears to be to make it easier for trophy hunters to kill more cougars. I say, let hunters employ traditional means of hunting, they don't need more help. As well, hunting dogs disrupt and kill other wildlife as well.

Oregon has so many real problems: our poor educational results, the loss of Intel jobs, the high cost of housing. I suggest that legislators turn their energy to fixing things that matter and leave wildlife alone.

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