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

Hello,

A local friend informed me of this terrible bill, SB 769. Apparently, there are citizens in Oregon who think hunting mountain lions with dogs is an 'ethical' way to hunt. But like shooting animals from an airplane and other questionable government intercession efforts, something in our moral bones knows when something is backward, barbaric and morally unacceptable. We progress as a society when we abandon things that used to be thought okay. Hunting necessary apex predators with dogs or from airplanes does not move us forward as a society, but takes us backward to an America we would like to leave behind (the America that killed Sixty Million Buffalo, for example). Although I have not liked all the Oregon policies towards wolves, at least there is a discussion with multiple stakeholders about how to manage an apex predator. This backward bill tries to simplify a complex issue with a bumper-sticker level of non-thinking. I urge you to vote NO on this bill, but to continue having bipartisan and non-partisan discussions about how to manage these difficult issues that have resulted from human beings invading animal territory and habitat.
Respectfully, Bryan Holley | Ashland, Oregon