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

Dear Members of the Oregon State Legislature,

I'm writing in support of Senate Bill 769 because it gives local communities a say in how we manage cougar populations. As someone who lives and works in Oregon, I've seen firsthand the challenges cougars can pose to livestock, pets, and public safety in certain areas. This bill respects local voices by letting counties vote on whether to allow the use of dogs in hunting cougars, all while ensuring wildlife management remains science-based and sustainable.

SB 769 is about striking a balance—protecting our communities while responsibly managing our wildlife. Please support this bill to give counties the tools they need to make decisions that reflect their unique needs.

Thank you,
Eric Benson