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Governor Jerry Brown  
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RE: Senate Bill 769  
Position: Support

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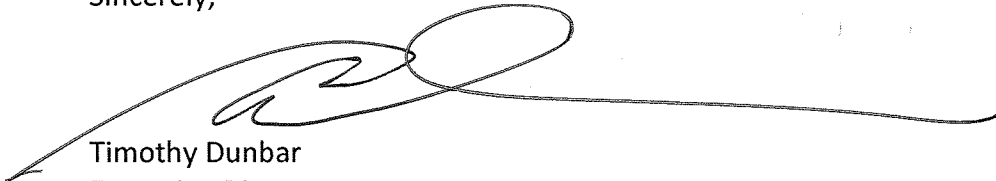
Dear Governor Brown,

As the leading proponent of Proposition 117 -- *the Mountain Lion Initiative* -- MLF has spent the past twenty-plus years ensuring that the spirit as well as the letter of this unique law was upheld. Earlier this year we were contacted by Senator Fuller's staff about a critical need to revise the portion of the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 that was designed to thwart poaching and stop the illegal trade in mountain lion body parts. While this important section of the law provides the California Department of Fish and Game with the authority needed to combat these crimes, it also (as currently written) prevents the legitimate use of mountain lion carcasses for education purposes by museums and other public instructional entities.

In response to Senator Fuller's request the Foundation put together an *ad hoc* committee of interested parties including some of Proposition 117's authors to develop appropriate legislative language to meet this need while also safeguarding the intent of the original law. Our efforts were incorporated into the final version of Senate Bill 769 which we believe protects California's precious wildlife resources while furthering a greater understanding of these magnificent creatures by the State's citizenry.

To that end, the Mountain Lion Foundation formally requests that you sign Senate Bill 769 and help the California Wildlife Protection Law of 1990 grow along with our understanding and acceptance of California's lions.

Sincerely,



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