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TO: Honorable Commissioner Executive Director Sonke Mastrup.  
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RE: Bobcat Protection Act - AB1213  
FGC Dec. 3, Item 14

Dear Commissioner Executive Director Mastrup:

I was among those who worked many hours last summer and fall with dedication and passion to support passage of AB 1213. I live near Joshua Tree National Park, where seeing bobcats is part of the joy of living near the natural desert, and they also bring tourism to our area for economic support of our residents.

The tag fees must be raised to pay for the trapping program under current law. That was the intent; therefore an amount should be determined and fixed as an outcome of your upcoming meeting.

Though AB 1213 is a step in the right direction, I truly believe that bobcat trapping should be banned for anything other than research or rehabilitation.

Not only in the desert where I live, but in environments across the state, even urban and suburban areas, bobcats are critical for ecosystem balance as well as the tourism economy in less developed areas.

Please consider these comments when making any decisions that might diminish the intent of the Bill with its support from thousands of people like me.

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