

To whom it may concern,

My name is Seth Franklin. I was born, raised and reside in Harney county. I grew up ranching and for the last ten years I've been hunting and trapping for fur in the winter months as extra income. I'm very proud to say that I'm 33 years old and have never drawn unemployment or workman's comp or any welfare of any form. Although I've had tough times when work was slow or I was injured and unable to work. But one thing that's kept me afloat time and time again is fur, particularly coyotes. I have a passion for hunting coyotes that has been fueled by the destruction I've seen them inflict. Now I could sit here and tell you all I know about coyotes but you would not fully understand, to truly understand you need to see first hand. There is a reason odfw classifies coyotes as a varmint and an agricultural nuisance, they are highly intelligent and thanks to evolution have adapted to the world we live in today. Female coyotes have the ability to control litter size based on their territories coyote population and the food source available. There has been confirmed cases of rabid coyotes and coyotes carrying the bubonic plague, yet another reason coyote populations need to be kept in check! So I ask that you vote against SB 723, we need coyote derbies to help control populations of highly intelligent disease carrying varmints!