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Dear Senator:

We have written you recently giving you our reasons for supporting SB 723 (to ban coyote-killing contests in Oregon). As the Rules Committee will be taking this up on Monday, May 20th, we want to remind you of our support of this bill, and our hope that you will see your way clear to aid in advancing this bill to the full Senate.

As we told you, a recent public opinion poll (Remington Research) showed a majority of our fellow Oregonians support this legislation, across all five congressional districts. SB 723 has wide bipartisan support and enough votes in the Senate to pass, if it comes to the floor.

Coyote killing contests are an offensive practice that flies in the face of hunting ethics, shows contempt for wildlife by killing only for pleasure and prizes, tramples on the wildlife conservation values of a majority of Oregonians, and furthermore, doesn't significantly reduce coyote numbers. New Mexico has already banned these contests; we'd like to see our beloved state follow this lead and be the next western state to ban this offensive and obscene practice.

Thanks again for giving our recommendation your most serious and thoughtful consideration.

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*Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.*

*Mark Twain*