

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing into express my support for Bill HB 4075 to end coyote killing contests. Recently I was horrified by the barbaric display by those who partake in these contests in your State. As keystone predators that control rodent populations I feel it is important that we learn to live and respect coyotes and their role and place in a healthy ecosystem. Furthermore, these contests are barbaric, encourage a disrespect for life and nature, and is not a sound wildlife management practice. What sort of individuals would encourage this and what lesson is being taught to their children that just kills for sport and not need, as well as a general disrespect for life. Also these contests are not science based and often killing predators disturbs the balance of their social circles and can actually increase conflicts with farmers and ranchers. As well decreasing predator populations has been shown to have no impact on wild ungulate populations that are more affected by climate and habitat loss.

I hope and pray you consider all the concerns of many citizens of your own country as well as Canadians (as we often share wildlife) and that we as a society can promote and cherish our wild species as a benefit to all.

Thank-you,
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