

Dear House Natural Resource Committee --

I live in Eastern Oregon and urge you to end coyote killing contests in Oregon through the enactment of HB 4075.

I value the contributions coyotes make to keeping ground squirrel populations and other small mammals under control and enjoy their antics when out working and recreating on public lands. Coyote killing contests set in motion losses to healthy ecosystems that we don't yet understand and create a mind set that killing animals for the sheer sport of it is acceptable. This does not reflect my values nor the values of most Oregonians. Indiscriminate killing contests have no place in Oregon and these are not the values I want instilled in our youth.

Coyotes are a valued member of Oregon's wildlife and we need to ensure that they are treated with respect. You have my strong support for passing HB 4075 and as a rural Oregonian, I can tell you that these contests are not supported by many in my community.

Thanks.

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