

Dear Committee:

I am a native of Condon, Oregon, having grown up on a wheat ranch there. I urge you to support the end of allowing coyote killing contests via Bill 4075.

Coyotes are nature's natural mouse/vole/rat control. Coyotes help farmers by keeping rodent populations in check. Coyotes also help control feral cat numbers, cats that kill millions of songbirds annually.

It is very distressing to me to drive through Burns or along the John Day River upstream from Kimberly, and see coyotes strung up on barb wire fences. It's shameful, medieval behavior, and a step toward addressing the persecution of coyotes, is to end coyote killing events sponsored by humans.

Respectfully,

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