

Honorable Members of the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources,

I would like to believe that every single person on this committee understands the importance of protecting our wildlife and stands against the glorification of killing innocent animals as a contest. You are putting a price on innocent lives. A killing contest is not only inhumane but is also in misalignment with Oregon's conservation values. This bill neither prevents people from hunting nor affects the laws and regulations related to trapping coyotes. I want to urge you to support HB-2728 to put an end to these inhumane and unethical contests where animals are lured for an easy kill by using high-tech electronic calling devices that mimic sounds of coyote pups in distress; and join states like Washington, California, Colorado, and several others in protecting our wildlife.

I implore you to vote with your conscious, and with your constituents, against cruelty.