

Hello decision-makers,

I'm writing you from a corner of SW Portland, where I look out upon our beautiful landscape, a landscape that has been significantly transformed by human activity, so much so, that wild animals have minimal places to go for food and habitat. Allowing people to kill defenseless coyotes for cash or prizes not only adds more violence to an already uneven ground for nonhuman animals, but it also goes against the Oregon I know and love. Ours is a state that values people and animals, vast forests and healthy rivers. By permitting such atrocities as killing for cash, we diminish what is possible, which is a forward-thinking, sustainable, environmentally sound state. Please pass this bill so that we can be exemplars for a better future for humans and for coyotes. Thank you so much.