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Dear House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources,

I strongly urge you to adopt House Bill 2728 and end cruel coyote killing contests!

Killing contests of other species are akin to dogfighting and cockfighting. Wantonly killing animals for sport is absolutely, undeniably wrong. This cruel activity needs to stop now!

I believe these contestants justify their hateful actions by saying we need to reduce coyote populations to protect "game" species (ones they also want to hunt) and cattle. This is NOT true. There is no scientific evidence that indiscriminately killing coyotes reduces their populations, increases deer and other game animals, and protects cattle.

Coyotes play an important ecological role in healthy ecosystems. They reduce rabbit and rodent populations, clean up animal carcasses, and increase biodiversity. It's astonishing that ignorance about nature and ecosystems has resulted in allowing a small subset of individuals to indiscriminately wage a killing war on coyotes.

Our wildlife belongs to ALL of us. You have the opportunity to stop this cruel blood sport. Please pass House Bill 2728.

Sincerely,

/s/ Katie Grenier