

Dear Senators,

I am an Oregon resident and small business owner. I love our state SO much and am so proud of the ways that we differentiate ourselves from other parts of the county, namely the care, respect, and honor we give to our wildlife and wildlife habitats. So that said, I am profoundly disturbed that our state allows coyote killing contests. I am actually quite angry that a small group of gun-toting, empathy-lacking, baseless people thinks that they can indiscriminately take the lives of wildlife that belong to ALL Oregonians, not just them.

I know you all have been bombarded with the science behind why killing coyotes simply leads to larger coyote contests. The science on the matter is clear, so I won't go into it further. However, if you are killing coyotes under the premise that there are too many of them, but you know that killing coyote actually triggers reproductive cycles that increase coyote populations, it either means you are profoundly uninformed or that you are killing just because you think killing living things if fun.

For God's sake, how in the world is our state allowing either very uneducated people that clearly do not understand or have the scientific background to understand the science of wildlife management to take control of coyote culling? Or worse, if they do know that coyote killing contests are not scientifically sound, then they are just killing animals that have their own autonomy, their own right to life, their own right to raise their babies as they see fit because they think it is fun. What kind of person thinks this is fun or funny to steal these animals from the rest of Oregon or to kill an innocent creature.

I'm asking you all as an informed, smart, dedicated Oregonian to support SB 732-2, the bill that will ban coyote killing contests in our state. It is the right thing to do. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Thank you for all of your hard work and deliberation on this issue so far.

Cheers,

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