Dear Chair and Committee Members,

I urge you to vote YES on SB 723, which will end the unnecessary and archaic coyote killing contests in Oregon. These contests have occurred throughout Oregon over the past few years and offer cash or other prizes based on the number of coyotes killed within a certain time period.

Public opinion polls show that the majority of Oregonians strongly oppose these killing derbies. It really is a terrible and shameful message to send to our children.

These contests, I sincerely believe, are out of step with the principles of modern wildlife management and with the humane values of the majority of my fellow Oregonians.

Please vote to make Oregon a proudly humane state.

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