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From the Desk of  
**Senator Brian Boquist**

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Senator Floyd Prozanski, Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem Oregon 97301

### Re: SB 723 -2 Support

Dear Chairman Prozanski and Members of the Committee:

As Chair of the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission and a lifelong sportsman dedicated to wildlife conservation, I am writing to urge you to pass SB 723 -2, the bill to ban coyote killing contests in Oregon. Killing large numbers of predators as part of an organized contest or competition is inconsistent with sound, science-based wildlife management and antithetical to the concepts of sportsmanship and fair chase.

As a hunter myself, I am proud of the key role the hunting community plays in conserving our state's wildlife. These killing contests, however, are not responsible hunting. They glorify killing for its own sake and cast Oregon's entire hunting community in a bad light. If we want to preserve hunting for the sake of future generations, we must be mindful of how our activities are perceived by the non-hunters. Bagging large numbers of animals as part of a contest are a stain on responsible sportsmanship and are sure to turn more and more Oregonians against all hunting. These killing contests are nothing but wanton waste. They remove animals from the populations that are not known to be a problem and are simply performing their ecological role.

Further, Oregon has adopted the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation that includes as a core principle that "wildlife can only be killed for a legitimate purpose. Wildlife is a shared resource that must not be wasted. The law prohibits killing wildlife for frivolous reasons."

We know that killing large numbers of coyotes is not only socially repugnant to most Oregonians it is counterproductive. It is well known that coyotes are a highly adaptive species that respond to efforts to exterminate them by increasing their rates of reproduction. We know that like all predators, coyotes are important to their ecosystem and help to keep their natural prey species, especially rodents and small mammals, in check. When large numbers of them are removed, those species will become overabundant and cause even more problems for people.

There simply is no way to justify a coyote killing contest. It does not hold up to scientific or ethical scrutiny, and it is revolting to most people that a small segment of the population engages in wasteful slaughter for the sake of winning a prize. I grew up hunting in Oregon and have dedicated my entire career to the idea that ALL wildlife, even the coyote, deserves to be managed respectfully and according to the best available science. While SB 723 -2 is a step in the right direction, Oregon should prohibit "contest killings" of wildlife species.

Michael V. Finley  
Chair, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission

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Kevin Harris	Humane Relocation Service	Klamath Falls	541-591-0706	All, excluding game birds and game mammals.
Rusty Adams	Independent	Lebanon	541-570-9958	All, excluding game birds and game mammals.
Diane Meiner	Healthy Home Pest Control	Lebanon	541-223-3930	Raccoon, Skunk, Beaver, Nutria, Opossum, Squirrel
Gregory Wescott	Critter Getter Wildlife Control	Lincoln City	541-921-0386	Bat & Bird Exclusion, Squirrel, Rodent
William Paul Shelley	Bearded Dog Agri-Vertebrae Wildlife Management, LLC	McMinnville	503-899-5913	All, excluding game birds and game mammals.
Jennifer Castillo-Castillo	Four Elements Forestry LLC	Medford	541-890-2155	Beaver
Don Nichols	Independent	Mulino	541-757-7704	Moles, Gopher, Beaver, and Nutria.
Jerry Wilson	The Relocator	Myrtle Creek	541-863-7693	All, excluding game birds and game mammals.
Bill Granstrom	Bill's Pest Control, LLC	North Bend	541-756-2816	All, excluding game birds and game mammals.
Nancy Boerema	Firefly Enlightened Pest Solutions	Otis	541-994-8500	Squirrel, Raccoon, Skunk
Tim Chambers	Varmint Control	Parkdale	541-352-6503	All, excluding game birds and game mammals.
Roy Milbradt	Paramount Pest Control	Portland	503-288-7375	Raccoon, Squirrel, Moles, Beaver, Skunk, Opossum, Nutria
Tim TenBrink	Critter Control of Greater Portland	Portland	503-244-0993	Raccoon, Skunk, Squirrel, Opossum, Snake, Chipmunk, Starling, Pigeon, Mole, Vole, Gopher, Rodent, Bat Exclusion, Nutria.
Craig Bradley	Bugs Plus Pest Solutions	Redmond	541-668-0523	Skunk, Raccoon, Squirrel, Chipmunk, Rodent, Snake, Beaver, Opossum, Coyote, Moles, Gophers, Bat Exclusion
Ken VahnDijk	Eco Care Pest Solutions	Ridgefield	503-222-5566	Raccoon, Opossum, Squirrel, Bat Exclusion
Justin Shuler	Umpqua Wildlife Management	Roseburg	541-530-2218	All, excluding bats, game birds and game mammals.
Jerry Crawford	Independent	Salem	971-718-6381	Beaver, Raccoon, Mink, Muskrat, River Otter, Bobcat, Fox, Opossum, Nutria, Coyote, Squirrel, Porcupine, Mountain Beaver.
Jeffery Davis	Advanced Wildlife Removal	Salem	971-281-4345	Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, Squirrel, Nutria, Chipmunk, Bird & Bat exclusion.
Sean McKinley	Squish! Pest Control, LLC	Sherwood	971-400-2477	Nutria, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, Squirrel, Rodents, Starling, Pigeon, Vole
Terry Brant	Aspen Wildlife Services	Springfield	541-485-6011	Raccoon, Opossum, Nutria, Skunk, Squirrel, Beaver, Muskrat, Mink, Otter, Coyote, Fox, Mole, Gopher.
Bill Larsen	Summit Pest Management	Tigard	503-639-2500	Squirrel, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum.
Tim Christensen	Christensen Taxidermy	Tillamook	503-842-5119	Beaver, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, Nutria, Muskrat, Coyote, Weasel, Bobcat, Mink, Otter
Mike Gephart	Allied Pest & Wildlife	Tualatin	503-810-3167	All, excluding game birds and game mammals.
Wesley Goode	AllPro Wildlife Removal	Tualatin	503-766-6332	Raccoon, Opossum, Squirrel, Skunk, Nutria, Beaver, River Otter, Muskrat, Bobcat, Coyote, Mole, Gopher, Bat Exclusion
Dominic Meyers	Western Exterminator Co	Vancouver	503-890-9467	All, excluding game birds and game mammals.
Mark Strazhari	Wayfare Pest Solutions	Vancouver	844-929-3273	Raccoon, Squirrel, Opossum, Skunk, Beaver, Starling, Pigeon, Nutria, Bat Exclusion
Bruce Head	Pioneer Pest Management LLC	Vancouver	360-693-2644	Raccoon, Opossum, Squirrels, Birds, Bats, Moles, Skunks.
Will Hansen	Independent	Walterville	541-954-7554	Coyote, Gopher, Mole, Squirrel, Beaver, Fox, Raccoon, Opossum, Muskrat, Nutria, Bobcat, Otter, Mink
Bernard Black	Black's Pest Services LLC	West Linn	503-723-7957	Bat & Bird Exclusion, Opossum, Raccoon, Skunk
Cory McCollum	Sisu Business Builders	West Linn	503-960-0078	All, excluding game birds and game mammals.

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