

Chair Witt and Committee Members Thank you for this opportunity to give testimony today.

My name is Jaime Carleton and I support People For the Ethical Treatment of Animals, PETA. I am also an Animal Rights Activist, and a Domestic Violence gun survivor.

I take a strong stance against Animal cruelty, Domestic Violence and child abuse.

Killing Coyotes for target practice is cruel, gruesome, abusive and counterproductive.

These killing contests for cash prizes is to attain a position of power and authority, just like a person who abuses children and Domestic Violence abusers.

People that are violent toward Animals rarely stop there. The FBI keeps a data base on Animal abuse and human Violence and there is a strong link between Animal abusers and Domestic Violence.

Also prevalent is the link between Animal abuse and child abusers.

Coyotes are like dog's in our homes. The only difference is that these dogs are not domesticated.

Also like dogs in our home's Coyotes

suffer the same. This cruel act of Target practice on the Coyotes is nothing more than unnecessary violence that if allowed by our state will perpetuate more violence.

Coyotes possess a highly developed communication system that facilitates development and maintenance of long-term social relationships. These non domesticated dogs have families and form relationships just like our own dogs at home.

Also Coyotes are carnivores that eat rodents, mice, rats and other small animals that are part of our Earth's natural ecosystem.

Our environment is already in trouble. If we allow this cruel act of violence to occur we are not only disregarding our Stewardship to care for our wildlife but we are allowing unnecessary violent behavior, and destroying our environment that is already in grave danger.

Five States have already banned these cruel and violent contests including California, New Mexico, Vermont, Massachusetts and Arizona. I ask that you please pass HB4075 and add Oregon to the list.

Thank-You

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