

I am writing the Oregon State Legislature this morning to urge the support and passage of HB4075, the bill to ban coyote killing contests in Oregon.

As a keystone species, Coyotes play an important, necessary role in maintaining healthy ecosystems, and healthy environments for people.

The widespread killing of coyotes via killing contests, atop year-round hunting of coyotes, is counterproductive and scientifically unjustified.

Coyote killing contests glorify and enable indiscriminate, mass, brutal killing of this ecologically valuable species.

The contests are antithetical to espoused hunting ethics and sportsmanship. Coyote killing contests directly oppose the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation.

These wildlife killing contests also undermine societal tolerance for the groups that promote anti-predator agendas, including livestock producers and hunters.

Please support, and pass HB4075; it is time to ban coyote killing contest in Oregon.

Thank you,

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