

I am writing to urge you to end cruel and wasteful coyote killing contests in Oregon

Our state's wildlife, first of all, is managed for the benefit of all Oregonians, and it is unethical and cruel to wantonly kill coyotes in what amounts to a blood sport. Hunters claim to be protecting livestock but randomly killing coyotes serves to increase their populations counterproductively. Science, in the form of the head of Oregon's Fish & Wildlife Commission, has been quoted as pointing out that coyotes, a highly adaptive species, respond to efforts to exterminate them by **increasing** their reproduction rate.

HB 4075A is good for hunters, good for farmers, and good for wildlife. It is legislation well aligned with Oregon's values, the best available science, and broad public support.

Thank you for taking my opinion into consideration.

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Sent from my iPad