

I am writing you today because I am appalled at the fact we have a contest to kill coyotes here in Oregon. I moved to this state over 10 years ago because of the abundance of trees and wildlife. It is that wildness and beauty this state offers that brings so many tourists. Instead of the pride I normally feel when being an Oregonian, I feel ashamed.

It sickens me that we are not only encouraging the killing of coyotes, but rewarding the behavior. Coyotes are a very important part of the ecosystem and deliberately throwing off the balance is irresponsible, dangerous and only leading to more death and destruction. It is a dangerous cycle you are starting and not one we should be entering in the fragile state of the planet. Please stop the killing contests of coyotes immediately and never engage in such despicable behavior again. Please support HB 2728.

Thank you.