

We oppose HB 2728 due to the fact that as ranchers, we must keep the coyote population down in order to protect our livestock. People supporting this bill are using emotion to determine their point of view but they have not considered what it feels like to find a coyote or pack of coyotes eating a new born calf alive, killing a cow that got down, attacking your pet dog or barn cats, and all of the other damage they can cause. Coyotes do have benefits such as rodent control in our hay fields and as ranchers/conservationists, we can recognize that. We do not wish to abolish the species completely but instead to keep the population at a controllable number to where they have enough to eat outside of our cow herds and pet animals. Coyotes have 4-5 pups per year and these hunts help to keep the numbers down without making the species go extinct.