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LD 814

Good day - My name is Chris and along with my wife and I we are farmers/gardeners in Albion. We are writing to recommend that LD 814 ought to pass.

Between our land and our surrounding properties, we have access to several hundred acres of woodland, ponds, and rivers. We are outdoors people, and are very much aware of all wildlife around us. Since owning our land over a decade ago, we have NEVER heard nor saw any sign of "coyote". However, we are constantly dealing with an excessive population of deer that are destroying our property (gardens, trees, etc) and the surrounding woodland. The 'coyote' population, from our observations, appears to have largely disappeared due to excessive killing. I have read the testimony from some of the submissions and see that some in favor of passing have included photos for shock value that show this animal behaving as it should, keeping the invasive deer population in check, while not mention the killing and suffering they impose while hunting the deer themselves, not to mention the torture and suffering they cause on the coyote. We cannot continue to allow the unchecked reckless killing of coyote as the deer populations are getting out of control. Please, vote 'ought to pass' on this piece of legislation. Thank you.