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LD 716

Members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee,

I am in support of LD 716, restricting the hunting of coyotes during their pup rearing season. The idea that killing coyotes will reduce their population is false. Studies have shown that killing coyotes actually increases the population. By killing the dominant members of the pack, the subordinate coyotes disperse and breed more readily.

Coyotes provide benefits to the ecosystem by eating rodents and deer. The coyotes help provide a healthy balance to this ecosystem that also benefits farmers. So please, support the bill to restrict the hunting of coyotes during this important time in the coyote's life cycle.

Sincerely, Mark Koenig