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In SUPPORT of LD 1293 “An Act to Prohibit Coyote-killing Contests in Maine”
Committee of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

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Good afternoon Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts, and members of the Committee. My name is Lynn Manley and I am from North Berwick.

Every wildlife species, including coyotes, plays an important role in both urban and rural environments. Removing coyotes en masse will upset current healthy ecosystems. The majority of Maine citizens do not support wildlife killing contests. Indeed such contests are losing popularity all over the US because they disrespect hunting traditions as well as violating ethics and sportsmanship. They are both unnecessary and inhumane, and there is no scientific evidence that wholesale killing of wildlife is an effective means of managing wildlife. LD1293 is not a bill against hunting. It only seeks the elimination of one abhorrent hunting practice. Maine wildlife belongs to all Mainers and we do not want wildlife killings to continue.