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TESTIMONY OF Pamela Vose—of Owls Head, Maine
IN SUPPORT OF “L.D. 1293 An Act to Prohibit Coyote Killing Contests in Maine
Committee On Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

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Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts, and distinguished members of the
Committee:

I am submitting testimony today in support of this bill for many reasons, but the most important one is that killing contests are wrong on every level. There is no good reason to reward anyone for killing any animal under the guise of: management. If an animal is not used for food or being a direct and immediate threat to you or someone else or your livestock or pet in the moment there is no reason to kill it let alone for the sake of winning a prize. These things are already covered in the current laws. Our Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Department seems to believe that the wildlife in this state belong only to a small minority of citizens, the hunter and trapper and so-called sportsmen of the state. The rest of us also have a stake in the management of all of the wildlife here and the majority of us would never accept the killing of any animal for the sake of a prize or the sheer joy many derive from killing masquerading as wildlife management to be acceptable. This bill should be deemed "Ought to Pass" unanimously by this committee. It's a no brainer as the young people say.