



## TESTIMONY In SUPPORT of LD 1293 An Act to Prohibit Coyote-killing Contests in Maine

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Good afternoon Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts, and members of the IF&W Committee.

My name is Beth Gallie and I am the President of Maine Animal Coalition. Maine Animal Coalition is a nonprofit dedicated to the elimination of animal abuse and exploitation through education, advocacy, and example.

We support **LD 1293 An Act to Prohibit Coyote Killing Contest in Maine** out of respect for the important role key predators like coyotes play in our environment. In Maine coyotes control rodent and small mammal populations and thereby reduce ticks and Lyme disease.

There is also no scientific evidence that coyote killing games significantly boost the deer population in northern Maine. Loss of habitat and severe cold are more likely the reason that deer are not abundant in northern Maine.

Wildlife killing contests are not popular with most Mainers. Ten states have banned wildlife killing contests and other states are currently considering banning them. Also, the Maine the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has never supported wildlife killing contests.

Please vote Ought to Pass on LD 1293.

Sincerely,

Beth Gallie

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