

To the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Testimony Against LD 1293 An Act to Prohibit Coyote – Killing Contests

Hello, my name is Gregory Hunnewell from Belgrade Lakes Maine, and I am testifying in opposition to this very dangerous bill. I have observed coyote attacks on helpless Deer in their winter yards and in the spring to early summer when they are having their young and know for certainty that we need to use any tactic available to us to just be able to help level the playing field with regards to Coyotes VS Deer and Farm animals.

This is not the time to back off in any way our efforts to do as much as we possibly can to help the effort to eradicate the Coyote population. Some of you as sponsors of this bill have absolutely no idea the kind of devastation that we will see if this goes through, I think it is time for you to come out of your Quaint Little Tourist towns and view the State of Maine in its entirety, come out and see what we in the rest of the State of Maine have to deal with on a daily basis.

Thank you for your time.