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Testimony in Opposition to LD 814
“An Act to Restrict the Daytime and Nighttime Killing of Coyotes”

Good morning Senator LaFountain, Representative Landry, and members of Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. I am Representative Billy Bob Faulkingham and I am here to testify in opposition to LD 814, “*An Act to Restrict the Daytime and Nighttime Killing of Coyotes*”.

I recently received an email from a proponent of this bill saying, “Coyotes are intelligent and adaptable predators.” That statement is absolutely true. In fact, coyotes are so adaptable, they are extremely hard to kill. Coyotes are incredibly cautious, alert, and aware of their surroundings. Any experienced hunter will tell you that coyotes are one of the most difficult predators to hunt. It takes a lot of time and patience to even get an opportunity to see one.

Supporters of this bill say there are no prohibitions or closed season on coyote hunting, but that is false. There are currently 52 days of closed season on coyote hunting. I believe that if anything, the committee should consider expanding the season into the currently prohibited 52 days.

If we prohibit people from hunting these predators, our deer population would be in jeopardy. It is important for hunters to continue to hunt coyotes and help manage the population.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have, however I know there will be many hunters here to share their stories.

Respectfully,

Representative Billy Bob Faulkingham