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Subject: Testimony of Support for LD 814, Lead with Respect for Nature, Ecology & Decency

This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

To each member of the IFW Committee:

I am urging each of you to allow the people of Maine to be heard on an ecological and ethical issue that is a stain on the State of Maine: the relentless, anti-science, ineffective and cruel persecution and killing of eastern coyotes in our state. I am urging each of you to allow democracy to work, by allowing LD 814 An Act to Restrict the Hunting of Coyotes, to come to the floor of the legislature for a vote by the people's elected senators and representatives.

It's time to stop making policy based on "big bad wolf" mythology and fairy tales from centuries ago. Instead of continuing to foster and pander to hatred and demonization of coyotes and other natural predators that belong in nature as God intended, it's time to promote and nurture a genuine respect for all of God's Creation.

IFW's own biologists agree that the 365 day per year, 24/7 persecution and killing of coyotes in the state is wrong, it's wrong ecologically and it's bad wildlife policy and they're on record for stating so. It's also wrong morally, to enable the persecution and killing of an animal that is not guilty of anything by simply existing in nature.

To continue to treat coyotes in Maine or anywhere, in 2023, as if their very existence is a crime, when biologists here and across the country strongly disagree as does a majority of citizens including children who naturally respect and admire animals, is sadistic and immoral behavior.

Stop the persecution of coyotes, lead with respect for nature and ecology, and with respect for the overwhelming majority of Maine people who know we can do better for coyotes and for all of nature.

Respectfully,
Robert Goldman
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