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Testimony in support of LD 716 "An Act to Restrict the Hunting of Coyotes"

Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

I am Beth Gallie, 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. I am here today to speak in favor of L.D. 716 "An Act to Restrict the Hunting of Coyotes."

Maine Animal Coalition was established in 1987 and since 1987 Mainers' appreciation for the environment and respect for all animals has grown dramatically. Our members understand that Coyotes are keystone predators and play an important part in the balance of nature. While most of us do not have the scientific background to fully understand this complex balance, we do know that Lyme disease is a growing problem in Maine. We strongly suspect that year-round hunting of Coyotes is a part of the problem. Also, hunting Coyotes while they are raising their young is cruel and not recommended by wildlife experts.

I, therefore, urge you to support L.D. 716 "An Act to Restrict the Hunting of Coyotes."

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