

L D 716

My name is Todd Jackson I am submitting this testimony For the coyote bill LD 716. I am not for this bill passing.

- 1. This bill is an anti-hunting bill that goes against Maines hunting heritage. It will cut the season in half on a population that is not in danger. The reason to implement a reduction in season length would be to help a population that is declining. The coyote population is not in decline. There has been recent newspaper articles of coyotes in Bangor taking peoples cats. The I FW has numerous complaints come in each year about coyotes. If this bill passes those problems will only get worse.**
- 2. Farmers If this bill goes in will have more livestock losses There will be more coyotes around competing for food and it will impact all farmers. They will go after chickens, calfs and lambs for most farmers losing animals hurts their bottom line and our food chain**
- 3. This bill add a provision to allow the state to appoint agents to take coyotes. So who is going to pay for these agents? Will it be tax payers, farmers ,the license purchaser .The way it is now hunters take care of the population and we don't have to pay extra for it.**
- 4. The deer populations in some areas of the state are still in the recovery stage this will impact that .Deer hunting in Maine is still big for the economy and needs the coyotes to be hunted as they are now. All small game will benefit if the coyote season stays how it is .**

Thank you Todd Jackson