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LD 716

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to ask you to support this bill LD 716 that sets a hunting season for coyotes from October 1st to March 31st, makes hunting at night illegal, and has penalties for those who violate this ruling.

The long tradition of hunting coyotes both day and night, every day of the year must stop. It is barbaric to kill pups in their dens, kill parents leaving pups to starve, and the practice of indiscriminate hunting is counter-productive from scientific evidence. Stressed coyote populations have many more pups than a stable population.

It is a stain on Maine's reputation and on hunters who respect wildlife and recognize the important role of coyotes in the ecosystem of Maine.

Thank you for joining the thousands of Maine citizens who have been working diligently for years to overcome the old mentality that coyotes are merely vermin to be eliminated.

Sincerely,
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