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I have hunted and trapped coyotes for quite a few years and have seen first hand how big a difference taking them out of the areas that I deer hunt can make in the deer population, it not only makes a huge difference in the numbers of fawns survival it also makes a lot of difference in the numbers of adults in the area and also the numbers of small game animals and domestic cats.

That being said coyotes are the Apex predator in my area of Maine and they have a tendency to expand their range and get really familiar with humans and our live stock and can and will take everything that they can Kill, including our dogs, and animals as large as calves and sheep! And now there's a bill before you folks that wants to curtail and abolish one of our Best tools to keep coyotes somewhat managed in a lot of Maines towns and unorganized territory? Why?

I am a hunter, trapper and former Registered Master Guide and I was on the Guides advisory council and licensing board for Maine Guides for over 34years and I truly think that this bill should not be passed or even get out of committee, THANK you for taking your time to read this message and for the work you all do for the State of Maine.