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I am in favor of bill #716, to restrict the hunting of coyotes.

There is no biological evidence that supports the hunting of coyotes, from a wildlife perspective. This bill is a step-but only that-in the right direction. Livestock are not effected in any substantial manner, regarding numbers, by the coyote, and coyote predation on prey is part of natural cycles.

The hunting of coyotes reflects little more than prejudice.

I am a Registered Maine Guide, Maine Master Naturalist, and have spent decades as an avid outdoorsman. Further, I led trips to Yellowstone National Park, as a backcountry ski guide, for 30 years, and learned a great deal about the adaptational strategies of both coyote and wolf during that time.