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LD 1293

TESTIMONY OF Wendy Andresen _____
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In SUPPORT of LD 1293 “An Act to Prohibit Coyote-killing Contests in Maine”
Committee of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife
April 2, 2025

Good afternoon Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts, and members of the Committee. My name is Wendy Andresen, and I am from Camden, Maine.

Coyote-killing events are a degradation of Maine’s wildlife and are disrespectful of our hunting traditions and ethics. These malicious killings do not align with Maine’s hunting traditions of sportsmanship and fair chase principles or with the ethics and reverence for nature in general. Wanton killing of wildlife for a prize undermines the public's view of hunting and gives all hunters a black eye. Rewarding the indiscriminate killing of as many animals as one can violates conservation ethics and its humane values. Glorifying killing for its own sake should not be what we want to teach our children. I beg you not to pass this bill.