

TESTIMONY OF Barbara Z. Kasabian

In SUPPORT of LD 1293 “An Act to Prohibit Coyote-killing Contests in Maine”

Committee of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

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Dear Maine State Legislatures and Committee Members,

First, thank you for your work in governing for the state of Maine.

My hope is that Maine can join the growing number of states banning events held for the purpose of killing coyotes as outlined in LD 1293 “An Act to Prohibit Coyote-killing Contests in Maine”. This bill does not preclude the killing of coyotes for wildlife management purposes as deemed ecologically necessary by government employees, or the freedom of individuals to protect their property or hunt within the bounds of the law.

Is there any reason not to agree with this? My hope is that people evolve to become more humane towards other species. Killing for entertainment or money does not fit this aim. Its practice is a stain on our state, mocking any claim we have for respecting and loving wildlife and the outdoors.

Thank you very much for seriously considering this,

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