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To the Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau,

Lethal coyote control has been repeatedly shown to be ineffective and counterproductive.

Scientific research demonstrates that killing coyotes increases reproduction rates and accelerates population rebound. When coyotes are removed, remaining animals breed more frequently and produce larger litters, resulting in increased populations rather than control.

Coyote killing contests exacerbate this problem by dismantling stable family structures that naturally regulate territory and prey. Removing experienced adults leaves juveniles untrained, increasing conflicts with livestock, pets, and human communities. These contests actively create the conflicts they claim to prevent.

Coyotes play a vital ecological role by controlling rodent populations and supporting balanced ecosystems. Indiscriminate killing destabilizes these systems and produces long-term environmental harm without delivering public safety benefits.

Coyote killing contests serve no legitimate wildlife management or conservation purpose. Science-based, non-lethal management approaches are more effective and align with responsible public policy.

I urge the Legislative Counsel Bureau to support legislation banning coyote killing contests in Nevada and to advance wildlife policy grounded in evidence, effectiveness, and ecological responsibility.

Sincerely,
Sasha Bernier