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To Whom It May Concern,

I urge you to adopt the ban on wildlife killing contests for numerous reasons.

- 1) As clinical social worker, I know that minimizing suffering of animals, and supporting killing for fun is detrimental to a peaceful society, in that practicing violence in any form, especially toward a living being, can desensitize a person in a way that can contribute to them being more likely to commit violence towards other humans. Killing contests are not valid sporting events and do not encourage reasonable sportsmanship or positive values.
- 2) Indiscriminate killing of coyotes does nothing to reduce problems with livestock. More practical methods can be taught to livestock owners to avoid wildlife conflicts more effectively over the long term.
- 3) Predators are increasingly being determined by valid science to be necessary for a healthy ecosystem, even coyotes.

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