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Chairman Vitale, Vice-Chairman Kick, Ranking Member Denson, and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide sponser testimony on HB 553.

HB 553 will ensure that there is never a trapping season placed on coyotes. Coyotes are simply a menace. They are a menace to our crops, but especially to our livestock.

I'm proposing this legislation in response to recent rules proposed by ODNR. This would have placed a trapping season on coyotes-during some of the most crucial times to trap coyotes- and many other unnecessary requirements. ODNR has since rescinded these rules, but stated that they may look at them or similar rules in the future.

However, with this bill that will be unnecessary. This bill has support from many agricultural organizations and will be a great help to our livestock farmers.

Chairman Vitale, Vice-Chairman Kick, Ranking Member Denson, and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to provide sponser testimony on HB 553. I ask for your support and will be glad to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.
