

**From:** Donna Thomas [mailto:donnakay@vermonters.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 07, 2018 3:45 PM  
**To:** Christy Ketchel  
**Subject:** H.262 & H.590

**Please SUPPORT bills H.262 and H.590!**

**Thank you so much,  
Donna Thomas  
Plainfield, VT**

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**From:** Caitlin Adair [mailto:caitlin@sanctuaryvermont.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 07, 2018 5:45 PM  
**To:** David Deen; David Deen  
**Cc:** Christy Ketchel  
**Subject:** Wildlife Bills!

*Dear David,*

*Is it too late for me to support a ban on killing coyotes? The bill is called **H.687**. Thanks.*

*I also support bills [H.262](#) and [H.590](#), that are now part of bill H.636, that would place long overdue regulations on Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators (currently, they don't even need a trapping license!) **Bill H.590 would require trappers to report if they trap someone's dog or cat** and it also provides standards on how a trapped animal must be killed - no animal should be stomped to death. It's the least we can offer these animals.*

*Also, **I strongly support beavers**. That means using flow devices to keep beaver dams away from culverts and roadways. We need to coexist with beavers because they have such a large benefit to wetlands, wildlife and the water table. Please help protect them and educate other Vermonters to their valuable role in our state and beyond.*

*Thanks for all the good work you do for us in Montpelier.*

*Caitlin Adair  
for Living Earth Action Group  
Westminster West*

From: Kathy Kingston [mailto:shawkingston@gmail.com]  
Sent: Friday, February 09, 2018 12:56 PM  
To: strictlytrout@vermontel.net; Jeanette White; Mike Mrowicki; Becca Balint; Christy Ketchel  
Subject: Support H. 687, 262, 590

Good morning Everyone,

I am writing to urge you to support the Bill H. 687, to ban coyote killing contests, and to support legislation to ban the open killing season on coyotes.

Also please support Bills H. 262 and H. 590, that are now part of H. 636, which would place long overdue regulations on Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators. Currently they do not even need a trapping license. Bill H. 590 would require trappers to report if they trap a domestic dog or cat. It also provides standards for how a trapped animal must be killed. We are one of the few states in the country that does not hold trappers to more humane standards.

75% of Vermonters polled by a UVM Center for Rural Studies survey would like the state to ban the use of leg hold, body gripping and drowning traps. It would follow that a much greater percentage of Vermonters would want our trapping laws to come into sync with current science and our cultures efforts to become more humane and compassionate.

Thank you for your time and for service to our state, including the ecosystem and all who dwell within it.

Sincerely,  
Katherine Kingston  
Westminster, Vermont

**From:** Susie Peters [mailto:speters@vermontacademy.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2018 8:35 AM  
**To:** strictlytrout@vermontel.net  
**Cc:** Christy Ketchel  
**Subject:** Coyote and Nuisance Wildlife Control/Protection Bills

Dear David and Christy,

I'd like to add my name to those who support the legislation to ban the open killing season on coyotes, plus bill H.687, banning coyote killing contests.

Please also support bills H.262 and H.590.

Thanks so much for all your good work.

Susie Peters  
Saxtons River

**From:** Nancy Kovaleff [mailto:nkovaleff@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2018 8:47 AM  
**To:** Christy Ketchel  
**Subject:** Coyotes

Dear Representative Deen and the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife,

I am writing to add my comments to the thoughts expressed to you in Rachael Shaw's letter regarding possible legislation protecting coyotes in Vermont.

Coyotes prey on field mice which are now known to be the primary vectors of Lyme Disease. Although there is no firm data as yet to support the connection between coyotes and Lyme disease, I feel that protecting coyotes would be very prudent legislative action.

I believe we will err on the side of public health if we also protect the coyotes.

Sincerely,

Nancy Shepard Kovaleff  
Rockingham, VT

**From:** Bobbi Baskerville [mailto:bobbi@baskerville.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 01, 2018 3:24 PM  
**To:** Christy Ketchel  
**Subject:** coyote killings

Why does your Department support the open killing season on coyotes that offers ZERO UTILIZATION of the animals!

Please introduce a regulated coyote season and stop the wanton waste killing of coyotes. Thank you

**From:** Heather Forcier [mailto:heatherforcier@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 04, 2018 5:55 PM  
**To:** Christy Ketchel  
**Subject:** Coyote/Wildlife Hunting Contests

I write to you to implore you consider doing away with coyote/wildlife killing contests in the state of Vermont. As a native of Vermont and proud resident, I find it is our wild spaces and our wild creatures, among other things, that make Vermont beautiful and unique.

Why should there be indiscriminate killing of any living creature?

Thank you for your consideration.

Heather

**From:** Bonnie Rowell [mailto:bonnie@bonnidee.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2018 10:52 PM

**To:** Christy Ketchel  
**Subject:** Additional testimony on coyote report

Dear Ms. Ketchel,

I attended the meeting on the F&W coyote report in January. I didn't speak but would like to submit the attached letter to the committee. I have attached some photos, which are difficult to look at but are a VERY common theme among coyote hunters and trappers. They may be disturbing but the first one is uniquely appropriate to the discussion as it was posted by and depicts the witness who testified to the committee repeatedly that "...a hungry coyote is a dangerous coyote."

Thank you,

Bonnie Rowell

**From:** m. underwood [mailto:muvermont@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 2:23 PM  
**To:** Christy Ketchel  
**Subject:** Coyote hunting practices

To the Committee: It has come to my attention that the practice of hunting coyotes is being discussed by your committee. While I am not a hunter, I support the rights of hunters to pursue game animals and farmers to protect livestock. However, I am deeply concerned about the lack of research into the role of coyotes in our ecosystem. In addition, I have moral objections to all-season killing (which results in the death by starvation of coyote pups), leg traps (which create unimaginable and lengthy suffering), and contests/derbies (which turn killing into a reprehensible game). I appreciate the work you are doing and am grateful for your consideration of my contribution to the debate. Sincerely, Melinda Underwood, Saxtons River

**From:** Kathryn Prentice [mailto:kathprentice@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 7:46 AM  
**To:** Christy Ketchel  
**Subject:** Coyote Contest

Please ban Coyote killing contests in Vermont.

Thank you,

Kathryn Prentice  
Craftsbury and Greensboro, VT