

Dear House Energy and Environment Committee,

This is Ann Schroeder from the town of Dummerston.

I am writing in support of S.258, An act relating to the management of fish and wildlife.

Please ask the Committee Assistant to add this to the record.

Due to a horrible incident right across the street from me, I think it is critical to prohibit hunting coyotes by using bait.

You may have heard that a dog named Sadie was visiting family in Dummerston this past November. Sadie was attracted to a nearby bait pile containing animal parts. She was mistaken for a coyote and shot twice and killed.

Another dog was shot and killed over a bait site for coyotes in December 2022 in Barre Town and yet another in Tunbridge in April 2022.

Even Fish & Wildlife acknowledges the futility of killing coyotes on its [website](#):
“Where significant reductions in coyote numbers are locally achieved, the missing animals are soon replaced with young coyotes moving in from other locations.

I also feel that no one should hunt coyotes with dogs, another part of this bill.

Please vote to send this bill on to the full House.

Ann Schroeder