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Dear Natural Resource Commission,

The acceptable practice of killing animals for cash and prizes is incomprehensible. Wildlife killing contests are barbaric, cruel and unsporting events where participants compete to kill wild animals for cash and prizes. The contests often target native carnivores like bobcats, coyotes and foxes, which are important species that play a critical role in healthy ecosystems. The events do not serve any legitimate wildlife management purpose and simply make a game of killing animals. While the coyotes (or any other mammals) are lured in, hunters use night vision scopes to kill as many animals as possible. I am requesting the NRC make a rule change banning all killing contests in Indiana. This barbaric practice must not be allowed in Indiana.

I have spoken to Geriann Albers on several occasions in this regard. She said a study had been conducted to see if this has had an impact on the population. She did not have the result of the study. Regardless, studies such as this have shown it does not and may actually cause an increase the birth rate.

I request the result of the recent study that was done be emailed or mailed to me.

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Thank you for your consideration

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