

I think it's time to embark on a more enlightened policy toward wildlife in our county. Coexistence is essential for a healthy environment as many trail and error management styles have tried in other states and counties resulting in skewing of the "natural" order of prey/predators. Our approach with Wildlife Services has created killing fields for wildlife without consideration of alternative means of coexistence. I personally have had interactions with Wildlife Services trackers and I can attest to the fact that my experience with the one in my area was terrible. It led me to be the civilian filer in the suit brought by Project Coyote against this service. So, I do speak from some experience, albeit minimal. I write today to ask you to terminate the CSA with USDA Wildlife Services. It truly is an antiquated program where death is the first solution and the worst one. It is way beyond time to move from Neanderthal thinking on coexisting with wildlife into a more enlightened and ultimately more successful program. We owe the balance of nature and a healthier environment from it via a non-lethal wildlife management program. Please consider that a healthier environment is important to our children and their children and pass this better wildlife management program of coexistence.

Thank you,
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