

Dear Board Members:

I am writing about Mendocino County's five-year contract with USDA Wildlife Services to provide inhumane, lethal wildlife management services to county residents; the contract be renewed annually by the Board of Supervisors. The first annual renewal is coming up at the Board's scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 17th. I strongly encourage the Board to terminate this contract and not provide any taxpayer funds to kill coyotes, or other wildlife, to please ranchers. I also encourage the County to provide a non-lethal exclusion service and education program to protect both property and wildlife.

Sincerely,
Lawrence Thompson