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Hello my name is Chris Marx, I have been involved in the sport of hunting since a young age. I have been fortunate enough to hunt in a large number of areas and a large number of species throughout this state. I recently heard of your decision to host a meeting regarding the legal take of Coyotes. I along with a great number of California hunters feel that predator hunting is a valuable management tool that needs to be protected. Predator hunting helps control the population and keeps it at a manageable number. Many ranchers in rural areas of the state absolutely depend on the ability to control the numbers of predators that could possibly kill their calves, sheep, goats or pigs. Without hunting many species can reach an uncontrollable population, therefore creating more problems such as diseases that could be passed onto family pets and with an increase in population this would mean a higher ratio of negative human interactions with Coyotes and even an increase in traffic accidents from the animals that choose to cross busy highways and roads. Hunters in California are already faced with many regulations regarding the legal take of game animals and predators. For example the area where I live is now troubled by very large numbers of wild feral pigs, which are rapidly approaching uncontrollable numbers, with the amount of private property that exists and the drastic increase in the price of a pig tag from around eight dollars for a booklet of five tags to roughly twenty six dollars for one tag. With deer herd numbers on the decline throughout the vast majority of California, it bothers me to think what the deer herd population numbers would decrease to if Coyote hunting was to be outlawed, the deer herds in this state are already faced with a huge predator problem coming from Mountain Lions. now California deer herds would be faced an even bigger predator problem if coyote hunting where to be outlawed. Coyotes have very little to no natural predators once they reach maturity and if hunting this species where to be outlawed the numbers of Coyotes will significantly increase and so will problems. Game Wardens will be not only be dispatched to problem Mountain Lion Calls but now problem Coyote calls as well. Game Wardens will now have to issue depredation permits for Coyotes as well as Mountain Lions if the legal take of these animals is prohibited. As a lawful California hunter I urge the Fish and Game Commission to not prohibit Coyote hunting.

Sincerely a deeply concerned  
California Hunter  
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Sent from my iPhone