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August 29, 2023

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Governor of the State of New York  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany NY 12224

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**Re: Support for S.4099 (Kennedy)/A.2917 (Glick) “An act to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to making contests, competitions, tournaments and derbys to take wildlife unlawful”**

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Dear Governor Hochul:

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Protect the Adirondacks strongly supports the bill passed earlier this year by the Legislature, sponsored by Senator Timothy Kennedy and Assemblymember Deborah Glick (S.4099/A.2197), that will stop wildlife hunting contests in New York State. We look forward to this bill becoming a law that will make it unlawful for any person to organize, sponsor, conduct, promote or participate in any contest, competition, tournament or derby with the objective of taking or hunting wildlife for prizes or other inducement, or for entertainment. The bill exempts contests for taking or hunting white-tailed deer, turkey or bear, which are already regulated by season limits, as are special dog training areas or field trials or similar canine performance events.

**Staff**

Peter Bauer  
**Executive Director**

We urge you to sign this bill into law to end the extreme wildlife killing contests in New York State. New York must no longer allow killing of fur-bearing wildlife in organized contests. Also, prohibiting coyote killing contests that award prizes for the largest “coyote” killed will decrease the chances that endangered and protected wolves may be killed as part of these killing contests.

Claudia K. Braymer, Esq.  
**Deputy Director**

Christopher Amato, Esq.  
**Conservation Director  
and Counsel**

Hunters will still have opportunities to hunt coyotes and other wildlife, and organizations will be allowed to hold big buck competitions and fishing tournaments. Farmers are still allowed to kill wildlife to protect farm animals. This bill will simply prohibit the competitive killing of wildlife for cash and prizes. All wildlife species play an important role in healthy ecosystems and are natural resources that should be protected from wanton killing.

**Protect the Adirondacks**

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We thank you for protecting New York's wildlife resources, resources shared and valued by all New Yorkers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claudia K. Braymer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Claudia Braymer,  
Deputy Director