



# SIERRA CLUB

## VERMONT CHAPTER

Vermont House Natural Resources Committee  
115 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05633-5501

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Dear Representative Amy Sheldon, Chair

Sierra Club Vermont supports the bill, H.411, a ban on wanton waste of wildlife that requires hunters and trappers to retrieve and utilize the animals they kill. We are happy to see the inclusion of crows in the current draft, and while we'd prefer to see coyotes that are both hunted and trapped included, we support the current draft that includes only coyotes that are trapped.

The bill allows a number of exemptions, including protections for landowners and municipalities that are killing wildlife in defense of person or property. This legislation will improve the ethics of hunting and trapping and allow law enforcement to address bad actors. We understand that it was a retired VT game warden that sought a ban on wanton waste back in 2018 via the Fish & Wildlife Board that was not acted upon. We are grateful to see the legislature take action.

Thank you for acting on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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