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Re: Support for H-7783, fully banning second generation anticoagulant rodenticides

To the House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

I am adding my strong support for H-7783, a bill that would fully ban second generation anticoagulant rodenticides. As a nature-lover and pet owner, I was alarmed to learn that this poison is legal to use in my community.

My support for fully banning rodenticides comes from its devastating impacts on the local ecosystem- negatively impacting local wildlife populations, degrading water, soil and plant communities, and reducing local and regional biodiversity. I'm also concerned for the health of the local pet population and the potential for accidental poisoning as a result of the use of anticoagulant rodenticides.

From what I have learned, several effective alternatives exist for containing or reducing rodent populations that do not poison wildlife. One of these alternatives includes supporting raptor populations, which have the potential to eat thousands of rodents per year. I fully support the exploration of safer alternatives for both wildlife and human life.

It is for these reasons that I urge the committee to support H-7783 to fully ban second generation anticoagulant rodenticides across Rhode Island. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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