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To the House Environment and Natural Resource Committee,

I am writing to you to state my full support for H-7783, to fully ban second generation anticoagulation rodenticides in Rhode Island. I believe the consequences to our ecosystem of using rodenticides far outweigh any benefits. We do not want to harm or kill beautiful, endangered birds of prey by allowing them to eat the rodents that have consumed these poisons.

While rodents can be pains to deal with, especially in our homes, these rodenticides have a chain reaction of polluting water and soil and harming plant communities and reducing local and regional biodiversity. Just a single feeding of SGAR (second generation anticoagulation rodenticide) bait is fatal to a rodent, but it may take up to five days to die and the chemicals can remain in animal tissue for over 100 days as they are passed up the food chain to hawks, owls, eagles, and other predators like foxes, bobcats, and coyotes. In 2021, the first bald eagle known to have died from SGAR poisoning was discovered. It's liver contained 3 of the 4 different type of SGAR. I for one, do not want to see populations of our national symbol, or of any other hawk, falcon, or owl decline over something as preventable as SGAR use.

There are other ways to curb the rodent population that are more sustainable. There is a simple solution that has been used as rodent population control for centuries and still works - cats. There are also several different types of traps, all can be used without SGARs.

Thank you for hearing my concerns. I urge the committee to support H-7783 to fully ban second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides across Rhode Island.

Thank you,
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