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Dear Members of Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Emily Westcott from the Town of Glocester. I am writing concerning House Bill 7783 sponsored by Representative Rebecca Kislak, which when approved, would ban second-generation anticoagulation rodenticides in Rhode Island.

As a life-long resident of Chepachet, RI, I am concerned about the thoughtless and devastating consequences that arise from the use of rodenticides. Animal and bird populations and water degradation are being negatively impacted. There are alternatives that are more sustainable and more humane.

Please give very thoughtful consideration to this terribly important issue. Please take immediate action to move this bill through. Voting to a ban second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides across Rhode Island is the only safe and humane option. Immediate action is required. Please step up.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Emily W. Westcott