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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 writing to add my strong support for fully banning second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides via bill H-7783. In North Kingstown, we are lucky to share our environment with birds of prey in our yards and wild spaces. I have seen red-tailed hawks swoop down for a meal. I have watched adult barred owls deliver rodents to babies in their nest. Knowingly allowing a poison to continue to enter their food chain would be a grave failure of our responsibilities in this ecosystem. They deserve better from us and we should demand, by law, better from ourselves.

The simple fact is that safer alternatives exist. These poisons are not our only choice when faced with rodent problems and they are not a harmless means to an end. They kill non-target animals and damage the natural order. Healthy, hungry populations of raptors and other predatory wildlife would be more than happy to help naturally reduce rat and rodent populations—but these poisons pose an unreasonable and unnecessary risk to that balance. Please consider using your power and influence to help.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective. Other states are taking steps to restrict the use of these poisons—it is time for Rhode Island to do the same. We are surrounded by so much natural beauty in this state. Support it—support H-7783.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a horizontal line extending to the right.

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