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

I am adding my strong support for H-7783, a bill that would fully ban second generation anticoagulant rodenticides here in Rhode Island.

My support for fully banning rodenticides comes from the devastating impacts on the ecosystem, including wildlife such as raptors, some that have the potential to eat thousands of rodents per year. There are safer alternatives for both wildlife and human life, such as supporting raptor populations, that we should be exploring instead. As a lover of nature and humans, I, as a Registered Nurse know all well the detrimental effects of anticoagulants. It is not a pretty site nor a situation one should impose on any living being! Never mind innocent creatures of nature, which maintain ecological balance.

It is for these reasons that I urge the committee to support H-7783 to fully ban second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides across Rhode Island.

Respectfully,

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