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Re: Support for H-7783, full banning second generational anticoagulant rodenticides

To the House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

I am writing today to voice my strong support for H-7783, a bill that would fully ban second generation anticoagulant rodenticides. I have lived in this beautiful state since 1989. My husband and I made outdoor experiences a centerpiece of our family activities – canoeing, hiking, and going to the beach – appreciating the land and the life that it supports. I belong to the RI Audubon Society, and the National Audubon Society as well as the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. I participate in the osprey monitoring program and am very aware of the devastating affect DDT had on this native raptor – and the incredible recovery the species has been making since the use of DDT was banned.

Rodenticides have devastating impacts on the ecosystem. Second generation anticoagulant rodenticides indiscriminately kill wildlife such as raptors, fox, owls – all of which predate on and help to control the target rodent population.. There are other safer and humane alternatives for both wildlife, humans and pets.

For these reasons I urge the committee to support H-7783 to fully ban the use of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides across the state of Rhode Island.

Respectfully,

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