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Dear

I am writing in hopes that you will use the influence and power you hold to stop the use of rodenticides and protect our raptor population. I have personally experienced the irreversible effects of these poisons too many times. I spent ten years in the commercial fishing industry, and thirty years teaching life science programs in the public school system. The consequences of SGAR use can be easily overlooked if the users are not fully aware of the possible outcomes. I ask for your help in legally protecting all vulnerable wildlife.

There are many alternative options for controlling and eliminating rodents in daily life. These would include reducing the rodents' available food/trash supply, use of non-toxic repellents, and increasing the natural predator population. It is my experience that if people were more informed about secondary strategies to accomplish the goal, they would probably attempt to change.

These alternatives are a great avenue to desired results, but without your support in reducing the availability of the rodenticides these other options will have difficulty getting traction. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help Rhode Island raptor and wildlife populations flourish.

Sincerely,

Andrew Schlachter