

Testimony in support of H 5704 Pesticide Control

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To: Chair Casey and the honorable Members of the House Municipal Government and Housing Committee

Please pass H5704 from the Committee to allow passage by the full House. This is a common sense and humane bill which should not take years to pass. Rodenticides are poisons and have unwanted consequences. There are many horrible descriptions of non-target species dying from ingesting poisoned rats. Pets and all predators including beloved raptors die inhumane deaths which are completely preventable ... so given there are effective alternatives available why are such deadly products still allowed? Several studies have actually shown that the use of rodent birth control measures are much more effective in curtailing rodent populations ... so why not take these poisons off the market?

Thank you,

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