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Dear _____,

I am writing to ask you to support the RI Audubon Society bill to BAN the use and sale of rodenticides (SGAR's) in Rhode Island. It has been proven that these poisons have a devastating affect on wildlife, household pets, water and soil, and the overall ecosystem. Theses poisonous black box bait stations are everywhere, next to homes, waterways, restaurants, and are unmonitored and easily accessible to children and pets. I am a taxpayer, mom, teacher and active community member. I care deeply about the health and safety of our natural environment, including our drinking water.

Not only are rodenticides a cruel practice of rodent control, causing an extremely painful and inhumane death, but the rodent who is poisoned can live for hours, if not days, where it can be eaten by household pets, wildlife like foxes, owls and other raptors. This in turn kills our cats, dogs, raptors and other wildlife. It is a terrible domino effect of extreme suffering, that could very easily be avoided. Once the rodenticides are in the environment it is nearly impossible to control the chain of these devastating affects.

There are many alternatives to the use of SGAR's, including humane traps, exclusion methods of sealing entry points for rodents, proper food storage and professional humane pest control. With simple public education and easily accessible alternatives, there is no use for

rodenticides this day and age.

Please, consider these points and vote to BAN THE USE AND SALE OF SGAR'S in
Rhode Island. Thank you for doing the right thing!

With Gratitude,
Denise Marks