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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. These poisons have a devastating effect on wildlife, household pets, water and soil, and the overall ecosystem. Countless innocent animals and birds of prey are killed needlessly by these toxins each year, while there are alternatives to the use of such poisons.

I am a nature lover and taxpayer in the community, and I care deeply about the health and safety of Rhode Island, where we have chosen to raise our two daughters. Rodenticides are inhumane because they allow the poisoned rodent to live for hours, if not days, when it can then be eaten by household pets and wildlife like foxes, owls, and other raptors. These animals also suffer, often dying, as a result. It's high time we take these domino effects into consideration and work to improve, not further destroy, the health of our ecosystem in Rhode Island.

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.

Please consider my written request and vote to BAN THE USE AND SALE OF SGAR'S in Rhode Island. We, and in turn you, are the only ones who can stand up to the large companies who sell these products with a total disregard for their consequences. We must speak for the animals and the health of our communities. I urge you to deeply consider the above request and BAN these harmful and unnecessary chemicals.

Sincerely,  
Emilie Tamboe