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To: Chair Casey, First Vice Chair Fogarty & Second Vice Chair Speakman
CC: Rep. Batista, Rep. Carson, Rep. Cruz, Rep. Dawson, Rep. DeSimone, Rep. Edwards, Rep. Fascia, Rep. Furtado, Rep. Hull, Rep. Morales, Rep. Quattrocchi, & Rep. Spears
Subject: Clean Water Action Support 5704 Health and Safety – Pesticide Control
From: Emily Howe, Clean Water Action State Director

Dear Chair Casey,

Thank you for your time on today's bill H5704 in reference to Pesticide Control. The growing factual evidence of rat poisons in water, children, and wildfire show there is no safe way to deploy anticoagulant rodenticides. That's why Clean Water Action, Save the Bay and The RI Land Trust council and the Nature Conservancy are joining with the Audubon Society of Rhode Island to ban them.

Research also shows certain fish are particularly susceptible to warfarin poisoning. Warfarin is considered the safest for human, but there is n safe anticoagulant rodenticide for wildlife.

Again, Clean Water Action is in support of bill H5704 and encourages you to pass it, thank you.

Sincerely,

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