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Dear Members of House Municipal Government and Housing Committee,

My name is Emily Westcott, a life-long resident of Town of Glocester. I am writing concerning House Bill 5704, which when approved, would ban second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides, and first-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in Rhode Island.

I am concerned about the thoughtless and devastating consequences that arise from the use of rodenticides. As an avid nature lover, I am concerned about the impact their use is having on animal and bird populations AND the additional impact on the degradation of our water.

Please consider this bill and the serious consequences of inaction very carefully before you vote to approve it. Current and future generations will be affected by your vote. Please step up and do the right thing.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns about the welfare of the natural world and citizens of Rhode Island. Please don't delay, the time is now.

Emily W. Westcott