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Dear Representative,

I'm writing today to ask you to support the RI Audubon Society bill to BAN Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) in the state of Rhode Island. These poisons can kill important predators and household pets, pollute our waterways and soils, and are not necessary since much safer alternatives are available.

As an outdoor educator and nature enthusiast, what I care most about impressing on youth is the interconnectedness of our ecosystems, and how everything that affects nature comes back to affect us as well. Using toxic chemicals to exterminate mice or other rodents has a ripple effect that can be dangerous to birds of prey and mammal predators, as well as dogs. As the Ocean State, we also have a responsibility to protect our waterways from runoff pollution, keeping the bay healthy as it gives so much to us. Rodenticides have been shown to bioaccumulate in soil and waterways due to run off. This can also affect us as we need healthy soil and water for healthy food!

There are many safe and humane alternatives to SGARs such as natural non-toxic rodenticides, integrated pest management, and humane traps, that work just as well without the downsides. Therefore, we have no need to be endangering wildlife and our communities with these toxic chemicals.

I appreciate you taking the time to learn more about this important issue and helping to make our communities healthier and more safe for all! Every little thing that we can do to protect our ecosystems at this time is so vital. I look forward to your support in addressing this public health and environmental concern.

Sincerely,

Fiona Christie