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Dear

I am writing to urge you to take immediate action regarding the banning of rodenticides in South Kingstown. Rodenticides pose serious health risks not only to wildlife but also to pets and human health. It is essential that we ban the use of rodenticides—specifically second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs)—which contain highly toxic and lethal chemicals.

Most rodenticides contain lethal poisons designed for pest control, yet these poisons are responsible for the death of many non-target species vital to ecosystem health. In addition to the immediate risks posed to birds of prey, mammalian predators, and pets that may ingest the poison directly or through poisoned rodents, rodenticides also raise significant water quality concerns. There are numerous instances of rodenticides bioaccumulating and persisting in natural environments, leading to ecological destruction, particularly through water contamination and runoff.

Furthermore, rodenticides fail to address the root cause of rodent overpopulation and infestations. Predator populations play a crucial role in managing rodent numbers, which makes the use of rodenticides completely unsustainable. Instead, we should focus on solutions that protect the natural balance of our food chain. Integrated pest management (IPM) and non-toxic, all-natural rodenticides, such as RatX, should be the only acceptable deterrents in our communities.

I ask that you advocate for legislation to protect our wildlife, pets, environment, and communities from the harmful effects of rodenticides. Enacting a ban would be a significant step forward in ensuring a safer and more sustainable environment for future generations.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue. I look forward to your support in addressing this public health and environmental concern.

Sincerely,
Heather Moore