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Dear

I am writing today to support the ban on Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) in Rhode Island. These poisons are targeted to kill rodents, but they kill the animals that eat the rodents, including owls, hawks and raptors.

Owls, hawks, and raptors can eat thousands of rodents per year, which keeps a healthy and balanced ecosystem. As history has shown, the killing of the wolves out west led to a very unbalanced ecosystem. Luckily, the wolves were reintroduced after being killed and balance has been restored. These animals that are affected by rodenticides are simply hunting for their dinner, and it is very unfair when they become sick or die. This is why I am strongly urging you to ban rodenticides.

I personally love wildlife. I am 8 years old and feel a need to speak up for animals. Putting poisons in the environment not only kills animals but it does not go away - they are not good for humans or pets either. I speak for myself, the younger generation, and generations to come. I hope that we, together, can become better stewards of the Earth. Please use your authority to consider banning SGARs.

Sincerely,

Inman Feeley