

March 9, 2025

TO: House Committee on Municipal Government

Chair: Stephen Casey

Vice-Chair: Kathleen Fogarty

Representatives Speakman, Batista, Carson, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Edwards, Fascia, Furtado, Hull, Morales, Quattrocchi and Spears.

RE: HB 5704 – Pesticide Control

Dear honorable representatives of the Rhode Island House Committee on Municipal Government,

I am writing to strongly support HB 5704 to stop the use of nondiscriminatory lethal rodenticides in Rhode Island. While combating rodent populations is a significant problem, we have to learn from lessons of the past in using widespread toxins in the environment, such as DDT.

The Anticoagulant Rodenticides (ARs) addressed in HB 5704 are widespread, long-lasting killers of non-target native birds, especially birds of prey such as owls, hawks and eagles, as well as mammals, amphibians and reptiles.

There are other means to combat rodent populations in the State; the use ARs are counterproductive to achieving and maintaining a healthy environment for people and wildlife.

Please support HB 5704.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jameson F. Chace". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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