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Dear

I am writing to ask you to support the RI Audubon Society bill to BAN the use and sale of rodenticides (SGAR's) in Rhode Island. It has been proven that these poisons have a devastating effect on wildlife, household pets, water and soil, and the overall ecosystem. These poisonous black box bait stations are everywhere, next to homes, waterways, restaurants, and are unmonitored and easily accessible to children and pets.

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I am a mother, nature lover and taxpayer in the community and I care deeply about the health and safety of where I live and where I am raising my daughter. Not only are rodenticides inhumane, but when used they allow the rodent who is poisoned to live for hours, if not days, where it can then be eaten by household pets, wildlife like foxes, owls and other raptors. This in turn kills our cats, dogs, raptors and other wildlife. Luckily with your help this can be avoided!

There are many alternatives to the use of SGAR's, including humane traps, exclusion methods of sealing entry points for rodents, proper food storage and professional humane pest control.

Please, consider these points and vote to BAN THE USE AND SALE OF SGAR'S in Rhode Island. Thank you for taking the time to read this and to consider how powerful this simple change could be!

Sincerely, Kate Roberts