

February 25, 2025

Re: Please support ban on rodenticides (SGARs)

Dear

As a 9-year-old who loves our local wildlife, I am writing today to ask you to support a ban on Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) in Rhode Island. Many people may not know this, but these rodenticides kill much more than just rats (I don't like the fact they kill mice and rats either to be honest). SGARs harm the wildlife many people in our state care about.

In my own yard in Exeter, I have seen owls, foxes, coyotes, Cooper's hawks, and Red-tailed hawks just in the last year. These creatures are natural rodent killers. If we protect their habitat, they will help reduce the rats and mice. However, if these animals die from ingesting rodenticides, there will be less predation and more mice and rats

There are alternative ways to deal with rodents that don't involve poisoning our environment. Let's protect our important wildlife and ecosystems and keep poison out of them. Please support a ban on rodenticides.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "maeve ellcome". The signature is written in a cursive, lowercase style.

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