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Re: Support for H7222 - Rodenticide Ban and Municipal Pilot Program

Dear Representative Stephan Casey and Members of the House Committee on Municipal Government and Housing,

Mice and rats continue to overwhelm RI communities despite hundreds of black boxes containing rat poisons which are littering our cities and towns. The poisons aren't working; instead they are killing our owls, hawks and eagles. It's such a shame since the raptors should be seen as a major part of the solution. One Eastern Screech Owl can eat up to 1000 rodents a year.

On the other hand, it can take as few as one to two rodents who've eaten poison to kill the raptors. Since the rat poisons take five to ten days to kill a rodent, slowing them down in the process, they become easy prey for any raptor who eats them. And thus we lose the magnificent hawks, owls, eagles, etc. who grace our state.

Anti-coagulant rat poisons are unnecessary. First, there are the raptors, and then less harmful rat poisons exist, and finally, wildlife-safe alternatives, such as rat and mouse sterilization, are being used effectively elsewhere. H7222 establishes support for municipalities to develop wildlife-safe rodent control programs with no impact to the state budget.

H7222 provides a commonsense approach to rodent control while also protecting the environment. It restricts the sale of poisons to consumers and bans them on 1/1/2029. There are exemptions such as for agriculture, breweries, and municipalities in the event of a public health crisis.

Please vote yes on H-7222 to stop rodents from taking over our communities and to protect the environment, our ecosystem, and our children.

Carole Marshall  
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