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

I strongly urge you to vote in favor of Bill 7222, a phased-in ban on the sale and use of certain dangerous rodenticides in Rhode Island.

As you almost certainly know, these poisons lead to the death of otherwise healthy raptors and other animals that prey on mice or rats, including house pets. And the rodent problem continues.

We have a regular (but fortunately not huge) problem with rats moving into our yard a few times each year. Our family, and neighbors, have switched to using box traps without rodenticide, just snapping the rats as they explore the peanut-butter or cheese bait. It works as well as when we used rodenticide-baited traps several years ago. It would work even better if everyone in the neighborhood would remove things that attract rats, but that's another issue.

Thank you for considering supporting this important bill.

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