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The Honorable Stephen M. Casey
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
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RE: Support H 7222 – Rodenticide Ban and Municipal Pilot Program

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

I urge you to pass H-7222, a phased-in ban on a class of rat poisons killing raptors, poisoning waterways, and wreaking havoc on our ecosystem when more effective alternatives exist and are used elsewhere. These poisons are targeted to kill rodents, but they kill the animals that eat the rodents, including owls, hawks and raptors.

Owls, hawks, and raptors can eat thousands of rodents per year, which keeps a healthy and balanced ecosystem. As history has shown, the killing of the wolves out west led to a very unbalanced ecosystem. Luckily, the wolves were reintroduced after being killed and balance has mostly been restored. The animals that are affected by rodenticides are simply hunting for their dinner, and it is very unfair when they become sick or die. This is why I am strongly urging you to ban rodenticides and pass H-7222.

I personally love wildlife. I am 9 years old and feel a need to speak up for animals. Putting poisons in the environment not only kills animals but it does not go away - they are not good for humans or pets either. I speak for myself, the younger generation, and generations to come. I hope that we, together, can become better stewards of the Earth. Please use your authority to consider banning rodenticides.

Sincerely,


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