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To: Representative Stephen Casey, Chairman, House Committee on Municipal Government and Housing
Re: Save The Bay **SUPPORT** for House bill 7222

Save The Bay strongly support House bill 7222 by Representative Kislak, which would limit the use of harmful anticoagulant rodenticides.

Save The Bay's mission to protect and improve Narragansett Bay includes protecting the fish, animals and organisms that call the Bay and its watershed home. Narragansett Bay and its coastal waters are home to several dozen species of birds, including osprey, hawks, eagles, kestrels, owls and falcons. Rodenticides are proven to have a devastating impact on raptors, who can consume thousands of rodents a year. When those rodents have been killed with toxic rodenticides, those rodenticides are often lethal to raptors.

In addition to the negative impacts on birds of prey, anticoagulant rodenticides can also impact water quality and have been shown to negatively impact freshwater fish such as rainbow trout.ⁱ Anticoagulant rodenticides are frequently used in "bait boxes" which are often placed outdoors. When heavy rain falls on the bait boxes, the rodenticides can be washed into nearby waterbodies.

We encourage the General Assembly to pass this important legislation. Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,



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ⁱ Brodifacoum causes coagulopathy, hemorrhages, and mortality in rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) at environmentally relevant hepatic residue concentrations. Hannah Schmiege, et. al., *Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety* Volume 289, 1 January 2025