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Subject: H7222 Pesticide Control Bill - Please BAN harmful anticoagulant rodenticides

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Dear Chairman Casey and Committee Members,
We are writing to you, and our Rep. Craven, to ask you to **support** bill H7222 which will ban harmful anticoagulant rodenticides.

Why does this matter for wildlife?

Toxic rodenticides kill by preventing blood from clotting. While they're intended for rats, other animals are often exposed. Raptors, who are natural rodent predators, are especially at risk. Living in North Kingstown, we see far too many foxes and coyotes with mange, a side effect of ingesting a poisoned rodent. RI does not allow these animals to be rehabilitated, so people must watch them die a slow, agonizing death: losing their fur, eyes forced shut and unable to see, starving to death.

Last fall, our town watched a coyote in Quonset suffer immensely, full of mange, emaciated, eyes closed and bleeding all over, until he disappeared never to be seen again. Wickford residents watch entire litters of kits (foxes) die from mange almost every summer. People are not allowed to help these suffering animals. Mother Nature intended birds of prey, coyotes, fox, etc to manage the food chain - not humans. Rat poison only introduces a short term fix for a homeowner and a long term problem for nature as well as our planet.

A study by Tufts Wildlife Clinic found that 86% of Red-Tailed Hawks admitted had detectable levels of rodenticide in their blood. 86 PERCENT. Virtually every raptor in suburban America is carrying rat poison. The Raptor Conservancy of Virginia found brodifacoum in 100% of Barred Owls tested. Poison is not just killing rats: *it's killing every animal that eats rats* — the exact animals that would control rat problems FOR FREE, if people stopped poisoning them.

Thank you for reading and again, **please support H7222**.

Best,

Judy Salvadore and Bob Cazzani
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YOU PUT RAT POISON IN YOUR BASEMENT. IT KILLED THE HAWK IN YOUR BACKYARD.

STEP 1: YOU PLACE BAIT BLOCK — Brodifacoum.
Doesn't kill for 3-5 days. Rat walks around poisoned.

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STEP 3: HAWK EATS "EASY PREY" —
One rat won't kill it. But 2-3 poisoned rats
in a week? Internal bleeding begins.

STEP 4: HAWK DIES — Silently.
Bleeding internally. You never connect
it to the bait block 4 weeks ago.

DATA BOX

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REMOVE THE POISON. THE HAWKS WERE YOUR RAT CONTROL ALL ALONG.