

IN SUPPORT H7222 MICHELLE KOMAR

House Municipal Government and Housing Committee Chair Stephen Casey and Members,

I support H7222 that would 1) ban the sale and use of anti-coagulant rodenticides, which will save thousands of raptors in our state annually which prey on rodents, as well as other birds, mammals, and pet dogs and cats which may directly or indirectly ingest these poisons.

And 2) The bill also proposes to create a voluntary, integrated pest management (IPM) pilot program. The IPM program is a science-based approach to measuring, reporting, and treating pest populations in municipalities around Rhode Island, without the use of hazardous rodenticides impacting our raptor populations.

I respectfully urge the Committee to vote favorably for H7222 restricting anti-coagulant rodenticides and providing municipalities with the opportunity to deploy a science-based, multifaceted approach to pest control.

Thank you!

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