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**To:** House Municipal Government and Housing Committee  
**Subject:** RE: Support H 7222 – Rodenticide Ban and Municipal Pilot Program

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Dear Representative Stephan Casey and 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 nature when more effective alternatives exist.

It is widely known that anticoagulant poisons don't effectively reduce rodent populations and actually harm rodent predators including owls, hawks, eagles and more, which are capable of eating thousands of rodents annually.

The proven and responsible strategy for decreasing rodent populations is to require and enforce proper trash disposal. As long as rodents have easy access to food waste, they will persist - their prolific rates of reproduction far outpacing any efforts to exterminate them with rodenticides.

I urge you to support H-7222 to protect the environment, our pets, and even young children.

Sincerely,



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