

S-2795

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RE: S 2795 – Rodenticide Ban and Municipal Pilot Program

Dear Chairwoman Sosnowski and Members of the Senate Environment and Agriculture Committee.

I am writing to request that you pass S-2795, a phased-in ban on a class of rat poisons killing raptors, poisoning waterways, and threatening our ecosystem.

I can tell you from living in the Providence area for over twenty years, the variety of rat poisons the city and state have used over the years isn't working. Last year, I eliminated six rats from my neighbor's using an electric box that can be purchased at ACE. This is effective and less grievous to the rodent: the use of rat poisons is unnecessary and, in my opinion, barbaric and inhumane as these poisons likewise kill our pets, owls, and other animals that cohabit our environment. Not only do less harmful rodenticides exist, but effective, wildlife-safe alternatives are used elsewhere, such as rat and mouse fertility control.

Senate Bill 2795 provides a better approach to rodent control, while also protecting the environment. The bill establishes support for municipalities to develop wildlife-safe rodent control alternatives with no impact on the state budget. It places a practical, phased-in ban on these anticoagulants.

I urge you to support S-2795 to stop the rodents taking over our communities while protecting the environment, our ecosystem, and our communities.

Sincerely,

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