
S 2795 Rodenticide Ban and Municipal Pilot Program

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

I urge you to pass S-2795, a phased-in ban on a type of rat poisons that kill precious raptors.

These rat poisons accumulate in predators like owls, hawks, and eagles and kill them. It may only take 1-2 rodents with rodenticide poisoning to kill them. Since these rat poisons take 5-10 days to kill a rodent and slow them down in the process, they become easy prey for any predator who consumes them. These rat poisons are unnecessary; not only do less harmful rodenticides exist, but effective, wildlife-safe alternatives are used elsewhere.

Senate Bill 2795 provides a commonsense 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 to the state budget.

This legislation is the solution we need and I urge you to support S-2795.

Sincerely,

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