

Testimony in support of S2795: Pesticide Control

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To: Chair Sosnowski and the honorable Members of the Senate Environment and Agriculture Committee

Please pass S2795 from the Committee to allow passage by the full House. This is a common sense and humane bill which should not take 3 years to pass. Rodenticides are poisons and have unwanted consequences. There are many horrible descriptions of non-target species dying from ingesting poisoned rodents. Pets and all predators including beloved raptors die inhumane deaths which are completely preventable. So given there are effective alternatives available why are such deadly products still allowed to be used by the lay public? Several studies have actually shown that the use of rodent birth control measures are much more effective in curtailing rodent populations which is the goal of intervening in the first place. The pilot project described in this bill, designed for municipal interventions in rodent control is a cost effective and scientific approach for alleviating rodent problems. It is a terrific approach and should be embraced. Since this bill addresses the desired cessation of inhumane poisoning of non-target species and also provides for an incredibly well thought out alternative approach to rodent control, why would these poisons be allowed continuing use by an untrained public. Thank you, Rep. Kislak for your persistence in and commitment to raising this issue.