
S2795 - Pesticide Control

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Good afternoon, Senate Committee,

I am a concerned homeowner writing in support of the ban on anti-coagulant rodenticide. My husband and I live in Pawtucket RI with our two boys and our dog. We often see rat poison boxes around the city. I agree that rodents can be a problem in Pawtucket, but rodenticides are not the best solution. When a rodent ingests rodenticide, it takes some time for that animal to die. During that time, the rodent appears weak and makes an easy meal for any predator. In turn those predators suffer. When the population of predatory birds declines, the population of rodents increases. Use of rat poison can actually increase the population of rats over time. There are many other causes for concern with the use of rodenticides. Our pets could be the predators that catch those poison-weakened rodents and themselves get sick. The carcasses of poison killed rodents could end up in our precious waterways and maybe even get into our water supply.

Rodenticides pose too many risks. Please consider supporting the ban on rodenticides.

Thank you,
Beth Bedard