

Date: April 27, 2026

To: Chairwoman Susan Sosnowski and Members of the Senate Environment and Agriculture Committee

From: Elise Torello, South Kingstown

Re: SUPPORT S 2795 – Rodenticide Ban and Municipal Pilot Program

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

I am writing to urge you to please pass S 2795, a phased-in ban on Anti-coagulant Rodenticides (ARs). There are more effective alternatives that do not sicken and kill our raptors and mammalian predators.

I see black boxes containing ARs everywhere, and knowing what it does to our local raptors and mammalian predators (bobcats, coyotes, fishers, foxes, etc), I find it heartbreaking. These rat poisons aren't working; instead, they accumulate in predators and kill them. Less harmful rodenticides exist, and there are effective, wildlife-safe alternatives such as rat and mouse fertility control.

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. It places a practical, phased-in ban on these anticoagulants. Exemptions still exist, such as for agriculture, breweries, and municipalities in the event of a declared public health crisis.

I am fervently asking you to please support S2795 to control rodents while protecting the environment, our ecosystem, and our communities.

Thank you very much,

Elise Torello
South Kingstown