
Please Pass S-2795 to Protect Wildlife and Communitie

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

We urge you to pass S-2795, a phased-in ban on anticoagulant rodenticides that are killing raptors, contaminating waterways, and harming our ecosystem, despite more effective, safer alternatives.

Rodents remain a problem across Rhode Island, even with widespread use of these poisons. Instead of solving the issue, they accumulate in predators like owls, hawks, and eagles, killing natural rodent control. For example, a single Eastern Screech Owl can eat up to 1,000 rodents per year, yet just one or two poisoned rodents can be fatal. Because these poisons act slowly, they make rodents easy prey, spreading the harm through the food chain.

These toxic rodenticides are unnecessary. Safer, effective alternatives are already in use elsewhere.

S-2795 offers a practical, commonsense approach by supporting municipalities in adopting wildlife-safe solutions at no cost to the state, while phasing in a ban with reasonable exemptions for agriculture and public health emergencies.

We respectfully urge you to support S-2795 to protect our communities and environment.

Sincerely,
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