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I am a certified California Naturalist and San Francisco resident and greatly oppose the proposed mitigations for anticoagulant rodenticides. Last year I spent a day at the Ojai Raptor Center, which has been doing raptor rehabilitation, education, and conservation for the past quarter century. I was unaware--as I'm sure most of your constituents are--how many birds of prey have shown up with rodenticides in their systems since they started. Unspeakable numbers. And they're just one organization in a very large state. Over the past few years, two great horned owls have courted in the trees behind our Marina neighborhood condo. They are the best rodent control but instead are probably being slowly poisoned by all the bait boxes in this city. Mitigations--removal of all permitting requirements for users, exempting grocery stores, and exempting restaurants, for example--do not a law make. There should be no modifications made to AB 1788, AB 2552, or AB 1322. Instead, resources should be put toward educating the public on how they can help reduce rodents through sealing off potential entry points in homes, removing potential nesting spots, garbage management, etc.--natural ways to keep our ecosystem balanced. Thank you for upholding the law as it stands and serving to protect the creatures we share this state with.