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As an urban wildlife biologist and president of Animal Pest Management Services, Inc. With over 45 years in field research and servicing over 1,000 Homeowners Associations. We urgently need to bring back Diphacinone and Bromadiolone. For control of rodents. There are over 55,000 homeowner associations in the State of California. There are over 20,000 in Southern California, which I do work in 5 counties. The industry needs to regulate these anticoagulants by pest control advisories with written recommendations licensed in category D vertebrate pests. That will ensure that these 2 rodenticides are used correctly. Trapping and predators are of little use in Southern California because of the vegetation that exist in homeowner associations. They work well in agricultural situations like vineyards and crop areas. With 45 year's experience and specializing in vertebrate pests, 4-5 parts per billion is very little chemical in the body of a predator compared to the disease risk in large urban areas. We are already seeing field rodent numbers explode without Diphacinone. We are also experiencing large populations of commensal rodents without Bromadiolone. Please consider bringing these 2 chemicals back. To prevent outbreaks of diseases such as bubonic plague. Both rodenticides need to be used by qualified applicator licensees (QAL) with written recommendations.