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Please do not allow the use of anticoagulant rodenticides. They should be banned and should not have exemptions for them expanded. Even with existing restrictions, anticoagulant rodenticides continue to kill and harm non-target animals — including mountain lions, bobcats, owls, and endangered San Joaquin kit foxes — through painful internal bleeding by secondary poisoning. We had a rat problem in my neighborhood that coincided with the absence of owls. I now have 2 owls and only a few rats. Hopefully this trend continues.

In addition California does not need to rely on cruel, outdated poisons. Integrated Pest Management strategies — sealing buildings, removing food and water sources, and employing non-toxic controls such as contraceptives, snap traps, and electric traps — are humane and cost-effective solutions.