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As a California resident, I fully support a TOTAL BAN on anticoagulant rodenticides, and I strongly oppose any changes to the regulations that would exempt the use of rodenticides and roll back protections gained by state legislation in 2020, 2023, and 2024.

Even with existing restrictions, anticoagulant rodenticides continue to kill and harm non-target animals such as mountain lions, bobcats, owls, and endangered San Joaquin kit foxes, causing them painful internal bleeding by secondary poisoning.

As proposed, allowing anticoagulant rodenticides for more than 100 days per year in areas like restaurants and grocery stores, where these poisons are currently prohibited, recklessly increases exposure and ecological harm. Expanding their use would undo years of progress and undermine California's landmark wildlife protections.

Instead, integrated Pest Management strategies, such as sealing buildings, removing food and water sources, and employing non-toxic controls (contraceptives, snap traps, and electric traps) are humane and cost-effective solutions.