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I am a California resident in support of a total ban on anticoagulant rodenticides. I strongly oppose any changes to the regulations that would give exemptions for the use of rodenticides. State legislation was signed in 2020, 2023, and 2024. Do not roll back these protections.

All anticoagulant rodenticides should be banned. Exemptions for them should not be expanded. Even with existing restrictions, anticoagulant rodenticides continue to kill and harm non-target animals. These animals include mountain lions, bobcats, owls, and endangered San Joaquin kit foxes. They die by painful internal bleeding by secondary poisoning. Why would you want to cause this pain and suffering?

Do not expand the use of anticoagulant rodenticides. This would undo years of progress, especially in areas like restaurants and grocery stores where these poisons are currently prohibited. Expanding the use of these rodenticides would notably undermine California's landmark wildlife protections. Allowing use for more than 100 days per year, as proposed, would recklessly increase exposure and ecological harm.

California does not need to rely on cruel, outdated poisons.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

In rare, verified emergencies, DPR already has the authority to allow limited exemptions, ensuring that genuine public health threats can still be addressed responsibly.

Please keep the total ban on anticoagulant rodenticides in place and protect our wildlife. Thank you,