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I am shocked that DPR is considering allowing anticoagulant rodenticides to be used for over 3 months/year. Those poisons have far-reaching effects up the food chain and are well-known to be reducing populations of owls, bobcats, mountain lions, and coyotes. These predators are what we need for rodent control, not more poisons in the environment. The people of CA have already spoken: discontinue use of these chemicals, full stop. Some will argue they are of use in an emergency, and I can honor that. But clear guidelines will be needed to define such an emergency. I urge you to reconsider your approach. Focus on biological controls by encouraging and assisting communities to attract owls, for instance. Thank you.