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As a California resident, I strongly support a total ban on anticoagulant rodenticides and am firmly opposed to any changes that would expand exemptions or weaken the hard-won protections established by state legislation in 2020, 2023, and 2024.

Even with current restrictions, anticoagulant rodenticides continue to cause slow, painful internal bleeding in non-target wildlife — including mountain lions, bobcats, owls, and endangered San Joaquin kit foxes — through secondary poisoning. Expanding their use, particularly in locations where they are currently prohibited such as restaurants and grocery stores, would reverse significant progress and undermine California's landmark wildlife protections. Allowing their use for more than 100 days per year, as proposed, would further increase ecological harm and unnecessary suffering.

California does not need to rely on outdated, dangerous poisons. Effective Integrated Pest Management strategies — including securing structures, removing attractants, and utilizing non-toxic methods such as contraceptives, snap traps, and electric traps — offer humane, science-based solutions. And in true emergency situations, DPR already holds the authority to issue limited exemptions to protect public health.

For the sake of our wildlife, ecosystems, and communities, please protect and strengthen existing safeguards and maintain a full ban on anticoagulant rodenticides.