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Dear Department of Pesticide Regulation,

As a California resident, I am writing in strong opposition to any proposed changes that would weaken our state's current restrictions on anticoagulant rodenticides. I fully support a total ban on these poisons and urge DPR to reject any exemptions that would roll back the vital protections established by legislation in 2020, 2023, and 2024.

Even with the existing regulations, anticoagulant rodenticides continue to devastate California's wildlife. Mountain lions, bobcats, owls, hawks, and endangered species like the San Joaquin kit fox are still being killed or severely harmed through secondary poisoning. These deaths are slow and painful, caused by internal bleeding that is entirely preventable.

Expanding exemptions or allowing these poisons to be used in places such as restaurants and grocery stores — or for more than 100 days per year — would undo years of hard-fought progress and undermine California's leadership in protecting public health, wildlife, and ecosystems.

California has better, science-based alternatives. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices — such as sealing entry points, eliminating food and water sources, and using non-toxic methods like contraceptives, snap traps, and electric traps — are proven, humane, and cost-effective solutions that make rodenticides unnecessary.

Importantly, DPR already retains the ability to grant limited exemptions in true public health emergencies. There is no justification for broadening access to these poisons when safer and more effective options exist.

Please uphold California's commitment to wildlife protection and public safety by maintaining — and strengthening — the current ban on anticoagulant rodenticides.

Thank you