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As a long-time Los Angeles, California resident, I want to state that I find the proposal to relax the restrictions on rodenticide use to be a shockingly bad idea and a serious step in the wrong direction.

I support a total ban on anticoagulant rodenticides and fully oppose any changes to the regulations that would give exemptions for the use of rodenticides that would roll back protections gained by state legislation in 2020, 2023, and 2024.

Anticoagulant rodenticides kill and harm significant numbers of non-target animals, including our pets, local wildlife, mountain lions, and even endangered species such as California condors and San Joaquin kit foxes. The manner of death is particularly gruesome and cruel, as its ingestion results in internal bleeding and excruciating pain prior to death.

There are already much more suitable, ethical alternatives available. We don't need to rely on cruel, outdated poisons. Integrated Pest Management strategies — sealing buildings, removing food and water sources, and employing non-toxic controls such as contraceptives, snap traps, and electric traps — are humane and cost-effective solutions. I suggest you focus on these and stop trying to take us back to an ugly past.