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I am a California resident in support of a total ban on the use of anticoagulant rodenticides and in strong opposition to any changes or exemptions that would result in the roll back of protections gained by state legislation in 2020, 2023, and 2024. I cannot endorse the use of rodenticides and do not support regulations that need to rely on cruel, outdated poisons.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. All anticoagulant rodenticides should be banned and should not have exemptions for them expanded. Even with existing restrictions, anticoagulant rodenticides continue to kill and harm non-target animals — including mountain lions, bobcats, owls, and endangered San Joaquin kit foxes — resulting in internal bleeding and slow painful death by secondary poisoning. Expanding their use, especially in areas like restaurants and grocery stores where these poisons are currently prohibited, would undo years of progress, and undermine California's landmark wildlife protections. Also, allowing use for more than 100 days per year, as proposed, would recklessly increase exposure and ecological harm. 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 do not allow these changes to our current regulations to take place. It would needlessly harm and kill many of our treasured wildlife species and open the door to continued future threats to California's environmental protections.

Thank you for your time and consideration.