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As a California resident and environmentalist I ask you to ban anticoagulant rodenticides except in extraordinary/extreme situations (islands or human health facilities like hospitals).

Allowing use for more than 100 days per year, as proposed, unduly increases exposure and ecological harm.

California does not need to use poisons as the first solution. 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. Raptors, owls and beneficial predators like coyotes, fox, and others can control rodent populations and depend on rodents as a part of their diet. Owl boxes can also be part of the solution.

Thank you for considering these comments.