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Hello –

I am a San Jose, California resident and am very concerned about anticoagulant rodenticides. Their use should be totally banned and the exemptions should not be increased. I have seen first-hand the harm and suffering they bring to unintended targets – be that a pet cat or dog that eats a rodent who has been poisoned, or wild animals such as fox, owls, and the beloved and endangered mountain lions and California Condors. The effects of anticoagulant rodenticides ripple through the entire ecosystem and cause untold harm. If you have not witnessed the painful internal bleeding and its after effects, I encourage you to do some research. This is an incredibly painful way to die.

Expanding the use of anticoagulant rodenticides, particularly areas like restaurants and grocery stores where these poisons are currently prohibited, would undo years of progress and undermine California's landmark wildlife protections.

Allowing use for more than 100 days per year, as proposed, would recklessly increase exposure and ecological harm.

There are new ways of managing unwanted pests including integrated pest management (sealing buildings, removing food and water sources, creating more attractive habitat elsewhere) and employing more humane control methods such as contraceptives/induced sterility, snap traps, and electric traps – all are more humane and cost-effective solutions. In California and elsewhere, we need not rely on cruel, outdated poisons when there are other ways to humanely reduce the population without suffering of the direct target or any down-stream animals in the ecosystem.

In rare, verified emergencies, DPR already has the authority to allow limited exemptions, ensuring that genuine public health threats can still be addressed responsibly.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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