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**Re: Mass Ready Act Amendment #3: Rodenticide**

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Dear Senator Cyr and Senator Fernandes,

The Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) respectfully urges you to cosponsor and vote in favor of Amendment #3 to the Mass Ready Act, filed by Senator Moore. This amendment would phase out the use of commercial-grade rat poisons in Massachusetts known as second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs).

In 2015, the federal government banned the retail sale of SGARs due to the risk they pose to children and pets. However, SGARs are still widely used by licensed pest control professionals to control rodents. That continued use has allowed these persistent poisons to move through the food chain, harming and killing beneficial natural predators of rodents, including foxes, coyotes, bobcats and raptors such as eagles, hawks and owls. Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centers—including those operating on Cape Cod—routinely encounter wildlife unintentionally sickened or killed by preying on rodents poisoned by SGARs. One study, for example, found that 100 percent of red-tailed hawks tested at a Massachusetts wildlife clinic had SGARs in their organs.

The ongoing extensive use of SGARs continues to threaten wildlife—including those on the Massachusetts Endangered Species Lists—as well as pets. Yet despite their widespread use, research shows that SGARs are less effective than other methods in controlling rodents.

APCC urges you to cosponsor and vote in favor of Amendment #3. We are happy to speak to you or a member of your staff if you have any questions.

On behalf of APCC, thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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