



Audubon Society of Rhode Island

Written Testimony Guidance:

House Bill 7783

Sponsor: Representative Rebecca Kislak

Bill Name: Health and Safety - Pesticide Control

Referred to **House Environment and Natural Resource Committee**

Please submit testimony as soon as possible. Written testimony should often be **under one page** (ideally in PDF form) and limited to one issue. **Always be polite and positive** and do not attack or threaten anyone in the legislature. Make it your own as much as possible!

Header

- Say your name and the town you live in.
- **Please reference your support for H-7783**, which would fully ban second generation anticoagulation rodenticides in Rhode Island.
- Salutation
- Address your testimony to the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee

First paragraph:

- **In your own words**, state the purpose of your letter and your position on the issue.
- Highlight **your own experiences, appreciation, and passion with wildlife impacted by rodenticides** here in Rhode Island. **Speak from your heart!**

Second Paragraph

- Offer **support** for fully banning rodenticides. Personalize it to your own reasons whenever possible. Here are some potential talking points:
 - Rodenticides are proven to have devastating consequences on the ecosystem, negatively impacting local wildlife populations, degrading water, soil and plant communities and reducing local and regional biodiversity.
 - Safer, more humane alternatives exist that are more sustainable.
 - Write about any personal experience with what wildlife you've noticed have been impacted in your community or any actions you've taken locally already to try to stop it.
 - If you're a wildlife rehabilitator, veterinarian, or something similar make sure to mention such and discuss your personal experience with the impact of rodenticides.

Conclusion

- Thank the committee for hearing your concerns. Ask them to support your position, for example, *"Therefore, I urge the committee to support H-7783 to fully ban second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides across Rhode Island."*

Make a PDF of your testimony, and email it to Phoenix Wheeler (they/them), Director of Advocacy at Audubon Society of Rhode Island pwheeler@asri.org as soon as possible. They will compile them and deliver them in bulk for the Committee's review!

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Re: Support for H-7783, fully banning second generation anticoagulant rodenticides

To the House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

I am adding my strong support for H-7783, a bill that would fully ban second generation anticoagulant rodenticides. Here is where you highlight **your own experiences, appreciation, and passion with wildlife impacted by rodenticides** here in Rhode Island.

My support for fully banning rodenticides comes from the devastating impacts on the ecosystem, including wildlife such as raptors, some of which have the potential to eat thousands of rodents per year. There are far safer alternatives for both wildlife and human life, such as supporting raptor populations, that we should be exploring instead. Here you would write about any personal experience with what wildlife you've noticed have been impacted in your community or any actions you've taken locally already to try to stop it. Feel free to reach out to Phoenix Wheeler at pwheeler@asri.org if you need additional research to make your argument.

It is for these reasons that I urge the committee to support H-7783 to fully ban second generation anticoagulant rodenticides across Rhode Island.

Warm regards,

Phoenix Wheeler
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