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TO: House Environment & Agriculture
DATE: February 11, 2026
BILL: HB 1018
POSITION: SUPPORT

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

The New Hampshire Animal Rights League (NHARL) **supports House Bill 1018** to prohibit the use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs) entirely and opposes legislation to restrict use to pest control operators.

The pest control industry's **increasing reliance on rodent control** contracts has driven the widespread use of rodenticides. Therefore, we believe that making these poisons "restricted use" would lead to *more* wildlife poisoning, not less.

According to **Rachel Maccini**, Pesticide Safety Education Program Coordinator for UNH:

*"...among pest control professionals, Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) are **by far the most widely used rodenticides**. A survey of 800 pest professionals found that 77% "often or always" selected an SGAR for treatment..."*

According to market research by **Global Industry Analysts**:

"The global market for anticoagulant rodenticides is expected to grow from \$3.8 billion in 2020 to \$5.8 billion by 2027, with the U.S. accounting for more than one-third of sales."

According to **Bell Labs'** 2025 State of the Rodent Control Market:

*"...65 percent of [Pest Management Professionals]... expect rodent revenues to be up year-over-year in 2025... **rodent services accounted for 24 percent of total revenue** for the average pest management company in 2024, and more than half of survey respondents (56 percent) reported it has become a more significant portion of their business over the past five years..."*

What pest control companies call "**responsible use**" has led us exactly here — widespread, ongoing outdoor baiting, poisoning the food chain with devastating effects on wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joan O'Brien
President