Dear Ms. Irokawa-Otani,

Thank you for this opportunity to express the views of Pacific Wildlife Care on the subject of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides. Pacific Wildlife Care is a non-profit wildlife rehabilitation organization located in San Luis Obispo on the central coast of California. We have been licensed by the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for 27 years.

Pacific Wildlife Care is aware of the many studies establishing the mortality and morbidity of non-target wildlife resulting from ingestion of these rodenticides. These include investigations by the California DFW done in 2011, the Canadian study on birds of prey from 2012 and the report by the Scientific Advisory Board of the U.S. EPA published in 2011. Sadly, we are also more intimately aware through networking with other wildlife rehabilitation organizations and listservs that these rodenticides are regularly killing native birds and mammals.

This year, Pacific Wildlife Care has had six confirmed cases of rodenticide poison including an American Badger, a Red-Shouldered Hawk and a Great Horned Owl. Despite the best efforts of our veterinarian, none of these animals survived.

We fully support all efforts to regulate the use of these pesticides as well as continual and diligent monitoring to establish the effectiveness of such efforts. Wildlife rehabilitators are on the front lines in receiving and treating poisoned wildlife and we welcome inquiries by monitoring agencies.

Thank you again for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Meg Crockett, President
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