

**Resolution supporting H.965 and S.2721:
An Act restricting the use of rodenticides in the environment**

WHEREAS: Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs), including Brodifacoum, Bromadiolone Difenacoum, and Difethialone, are among the most toxic pesticides in widespread use in Massachusetts, killing by internal hemorrhaging and bioaccumulating through the food chain; and

WHEREAS: SGARs are responsible for secondary poisoning of raptors, foxes, fishers, coyotes, and domestic animals that consume poisoned rodents, with Massachusetts wildlife studies finding SGAR residue in tested raptors; and

WHEREAS: Safer alternatives exist, including integrated pest management strategies and less toxic rodenticides that do not carry the same risk of ecological harm; and

WHEREAS: H.965/S.2721 would restrict the sale and use of SGARs in the Commonwealth, limit their application to licensed professionals in well-defined circumstances, and promote ecologically sound alternatives; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Somerville City Council expresses its support for H.965/S.2721 and urges the Massachusetts General Court to pass this legislation; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED: That a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted by the City Clerk to the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, the lead sponsors of H.965 and S.2721, and the Office of the Governor.