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Dear Mayor Garcetti,

I am writing to seek your support of the **Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW)** initiative to create an ordinance that will include:

- A city-wide ban on the sale and purchase of anticoagulant rodenticides.
- A prohibition of the municipal, commercial, industrial, professional and private use of anticoagulant rodenticides particularly in our hillsides and other ecologically-sensitive areas and/or within 100 feet of parks, school zones, playgrounds and play structures.
- A system of punitive fines to be instituted to support this ordinance, with additional fines for rodenticide usage in hillsides and ecologically sensitive areas.

I have family and friends in the Glendale and Santa Monica areas. The environment and the wildlife around us is very important to us. Unfortunately, the free use of anticoagulant rodenticides has had a devastating impact. These slow-acting poisons are often eaten for several days by rats and mice, causing the toxins to accumulate to many times the lethal dose in their tissues. Predators or scavengers like hawks, owls, foxes and mountain lions that feed on poisoned rodents are then also poisoned.

It is a horrible chain reaction up the food chain not unlike the devastation of DDT back in the 1970s and 1980s. Evidence and statistics show the harmful impact of anticoagulant rodenticide on the wildlife in the Santa Monica Mountains and other ecologically sensitive areas citywide. **The LAUSD uses more than 20 different poisons in our schools including anticoagulant rodenticides.**

CLAW is working with **Councilmember Paul Koretz** to create an ordinance banning the sale, purchase and use of super-toxic anticoagulant rodenticides in the city of Los Angeles.

My family and I hope you will take the time to learn more about the benefits of the ordinance and put the support of your office and name behind this important project that will benefit the city and all its residents and creatures great and small.

Thank you kindly for your time and for listening.

Sincerely,
Genevieve DeGuzman