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Assemblyman Richard Bloom
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2003
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2422 (Bloom) Anticoagulant Rodenticide Ban – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblyman Bloom:

The California Growers Association (Cal Growers) representing over 1,000 members in 46 counties throughout California is in support of Assembly Bill 2422. The bill is an important measure that prohibits the use of pesticides that contains an anticoagulant except under specific circumstances that warrant there use.

The bill provides flexibility that provides local health authorities with the ability to use a pesticide containing anticoagulants if the local health authority determines a pest infestation poses an immediate threat to public health or would cause significant economic damage and the use is necessary.

The impact of first and second generation poisons have been known for about 30 years. As you know, first generation anticoagulants include those that were developed as rodenticides before 1970, including chlorpophacinone, diphacinone, and warfarin, which are anticoagulants that are registered to control rats and mice. Second-generation anticoagulants were also developed beginning in the 1970s to control rodents that are resistant to certain pesticides. Due to known risks, the second generation anticoagulant is no longer registered for use in products geared toward consumers.

Given the wide array of cost-effective alternatives available on the market today to address rodent infestations, reliance on pesticides containing anticoagulants for widespread use is unnecessary. Lethal rodent control strategies that involve snap traps, electric traps, and other non-toxic methods can then be implemented to address most infestations.

Our organization is appreciative of your leadership on this issue, and look forward to working with you on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director