



Testify to Protect Wildlife & Pets from Rodenticide Poisoning!

The [hearing](#) for the anticoagulant rodenticide ban bill, *An Act Restricting the Use of Rodenticides in the Environment* ([H965/S644](#)), was Monday, October 27th. Participation in the hearing can be as simple as writing an email.

To maximize our impact, **we need everyone** to send an email, i.e. submit written testimony, the sooner the better. Below are tips and a sample email.

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Deadline

Written Testimony: Written testimony does not require pre-registration and may be submitted via email to: JointCommittee.Environment@malegislature.gov. Written testimony should be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than **Sunday, November 9, 2025**.

Preparation

Rodenticide Bill - Tips for Testimony Training

Learn what to expect at the Monday, Oct. 27 Rodenticide bill hearing and how to testify: [Watch the recording](#) and/or [View the slides](#).

Please read (if you haven't already) [Integrated Pest Management \(IPM\) flyer](#). Many legislators are beginning to understand and believe that SGARs are harming wildlife and pets.

Unfortunately, they are less convinced that the non-poison rodent control alternatives are effective and cost-comparative. **Therefore, we need our messages to focus on the solutions i.e. the effective alternatives to SGARs that your town or city are using!**

Additional Resources:

- [Tips for Testimony at Bill Hearings](#)
- [Mass Audubon's submitted written testimony](#)
- [The State Legislative Process: How a Bill Becomes a Law](#)
- [The Problem: SGARs](#)
- [The Solution: IPM](#)
- [Cited Statistics](#)
- [Number of Towns & Cities in Movement](#)

Testimony Tips

Personalize your testimony. It's **VERY** important that each testimony is unique with local stories. Heather encourages you to share this type of info:

- Share a **brief** story about why you are involved.
- What IPM is your town or city using?
- What wins has your local group had like municipal bans or reductions, and home rule petitions passed? And what goals does your group have planned next?
- How many commercial SGAR bait boxes have you seen in your town/city?

Remember! Be polite, persistent and persuasive. Most legislators are still learning about this issue, so assume the best to build allies whenever possible, rather than creating opponents.

Home Rule Petitions for the 12 towns below are also being heard at this hearing. If you are from one of these towns when you testify, orally or in writing, you can support both An Act Restricting the Use of Rodenticides in the Environment (H965/S644) and the Home Rule Petition in your testimony. Just list them both by name and number in your introductory paragraph. [Here are some Testimony Tips for Home Rule Petitions](#) you may like to weave into your testimony.

Concord	Bill H.4500
Salem	Bill H4091
Lexington	Bill H4133
Provincetown	Bill H4172
Wellfleet	Bill H4191
Lowell	Bill H4266
Newbury	Bill H975

Orleans	<u>Bill H995</u>
Newton	<u>Bill S552</u>
Belmont	<u>Bill H.4310</u>
Arlington	<u>H.4571</u>
Brookline	<u>Bill S26</u>

Mention in your testimony if you are a constituent of any of these 16 members of the [Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources](#):

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| 1. Sen. Rebecca L. Rausch, Senate Chair | 9. Rep. Margaret R. Scarsdale |
| 2. Sen. Dylan A. Fernandes, Senate Vice Chair | 10. Rep. Kristin E. Kassner |
| 3. Sen. Michael O. Moore | 11. Rep. Jennifer Balinsky Armini |
| 4. Sen. Michael F. Rush | 12. Rep. Jonathan D. Zlotnik |
| 5. Sen. Bruce E. Tarr | 13. Rep. Mark D. Sylvia |
| 6. Rep. Christine P. Barber, House Chair | 14. Rep. Tara T. Hong |
| 7. Rep. Simon Cataldo, House Vice Chair | 15. Rep. Kenneth P. Sweezey |
| 8. Rep. Dawne Shand | 16. Rep. John R. Gaskey |

SAMPLE Written Testimony

TIPS:

- Written testimony is perfect to feature more complex data or point to other source material. Cited statistics, etc.
- There is no restriction on length.
- Photos or documents can be attached.

Send to: JointCommittee.Environment@malegislature.gov

Subject Line for Email: Testimony in support of H965/S644, An Act Restricting the Use of Rodenticides in the Environment

Date

Sen. Rebecca L. Rausch, Senate Chair
Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources
State House, Room 215
Boston, MA 02133

Rep. Christine Barber, House Chair

Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources
State House, Room 167
Boston, MA 02133

Re: In support of (H965/S644) An Act Restricting the Use of Rodenticides in the Environment

Dear Chair Rausch, Chair Barber, and Honorable Members of the Committee on Environment & Natural Resources:

I live in town and am a volunteer with Mass Audubon's [Rescue Raptors](#) advocacy campaign. I write in support of *An Act Restricting the Use of Rodenticides in the Environment* (H965/S644).

I am writing as a concerned citizen about the human and environmental impacts caused by bioaccumulating anticoagulant rodenticides that have created a toxic food web that kills wildlife and pets. I am a member/cofounder of name of local group working to reduce the use of these rodent poisons in my municipality.

Include your unique and local talking points here...

- Share a brief story about why you are involved
- What IPM is your town or city using?
- What wins has your local group had like municipal bans or reductions, and home rule petitions passed? And what goals does your group have planned next?
- How many commercial SGAR bait boxes have you seen in your town/city?

Please report H965/S644 favorably and include it in the Environmental Bond bill, to protect people, the environment, and our wildlife and pets from these bioaccumulating rodent poisons.

Appreciatively,

Your name
Street Address
Town. MA Zip Code
Telephone Number
Email Address

For additional questions, please contact:

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