



**Jo-Anne Basile, Executive Director
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Before the
Joint Committee on the Environment
In Support of SB 239 with additions
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Co-Chairs Senator Cohen and Representative Gresko, Vice Chairs Senator Slap and Representative Palm, Ranking Senator Miner and Representative Harding, Honorable Members of the Environment Committee

Connecticut Votes for Animals, a grass roots animal advocacy organization, strongly urges the Environment Committee to support SB 239, An Act Prohibiting the Use of Certain Rodenticides for the Protection of Hawks, Raptors and other Wildlife. As CVA's Executive Director I represent close to 6,000 supporters across the state who rely on CVA to ensure their concerns for animals are heard at the CT General Assembly.

CVA supports SB 239 and applauds the Committee for bringing the bill forward. We believe it is a good first start however the bill does not go far enough to protect birds of prey, other wildlife, pets and even children. CVA associates itself with the comments made by A Place Called Hope, an organization that sees firsthand and has recorded the devastation of wildlife that became unintentional victims from lethal rodenticide poisoning. Please support a ban on lethal second-generation products and limit the use of first-generation rodenticides on state property and public land including wildlife habitats. There are safe alternatives for rodent control which should be widely adopted. Massachusetts and New Jersey already have laws that provide significant protection for birds of prey and other wildlife, and we urge the committee to follow their lead.

Thank you,

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