

Assemblymember Brian Dahle, Vice Chair  
Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee  
Capitol Office, Room 4098  
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Re: AB 1687

Dear Assemblymember Dahle,

Thank you for your work on the Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee (ESTM), and for your concern for the well-being of the state's wildlife, pets, and children.

**I need your help and support to move AB 1687 (Pesticides: use of anticoagulants) out of committee and to a successful vote.**

As you know, concerned citizens and stakeholders and representatives from nonprofits including Raptors Are The Solution (RATS), Project Coyote, Poison Free Malibu, and WildCare met with Assemblymember Quirk on April 27th in his capacity as ESTM Chair. The group presented Assemblymember Quirk with peer-reviewed journal studies about the effects of rat poison on wildlife, including outright mortality and sub-lethal impacts. They also directed him to additional studies and, at his request, offered to set up a meeting between Assemblymember Quirk, Mourad Gabriel, and Seth Riley, the preeminent researchers on this issue. Assemblymember Quirk's staff has since advised the team that he felt there is no need to hold that meeting now and that he would revisit the issue after the current legislative session concludes. I am writing to urge you to take action on this issue now.

As our representative, your constituents are counting on you to protect our state's wildlife from being continually harmed by dangerous poisons that are working their way throughout the food web; the dangers of these poisons have been known by the state for several decades, and as was pointed out to Assemblymember Quirk, the State determined in July 2014 such poisons were too dangerous to be used by consumers. Nonetheless, these same products are being widely used by the pest control industry, wreaking havoc on wildlife and pets, and contributing to this ongoing environmental catastrophe. There are many other less-toxic solutions that are being used with success by businesses, restaurants, and municipalities throughout the state. I strongly urge you to **represent me by supporting AB 1687 and allowing this bill to be heard in committee as soon as possible.**

I would greatly appreciate you to encourage Assemblymember Quirk to follow through on this issue in a timely manner, and to meet with the scientists as he himself suggested. I look forward to your support of AB 1687 within the ESTM Committee, as well as when it comes up for vote before the Assembly.

Sincerely, your constituent and voter,