



March 7th, 2025

Lisa Nihan-Demeule
Save Topsfield Wildlife
savetopsfieldwildlife.org

Dear Ms. Nihan-Demeule,

The Ipswich River Watershed Association would like to formally provide a letter of support for the efforts of Save Topsfield Wildlife to eliminate the use of second generation anticoagulants (SGARs) and educate the public about alternatives.

The mission of our organization is to protect and resort the Ipswich River and its watershed, now and for future generations. We rely on science-based and data-driven evidence to understand how we can best balance the needs of our local ecosystem and the people that live within our watershed, which encompasses all or part of 21 towns and includes large parts of the Great Marsh, a federally designated Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

SGARs are harmful to the environment, particularly local wildlife. Although these treatments are intended to target rodents, they contribute to widespread secondary poisoning of non-target wildlife such as owls, hawks, and other species which feed on them. We have witnessed the death of these birds across the state directly tied to SGAR rodenticide poisoning. This ripple effect ultimately harms our local and regional biodiversity, impacting our watershed habitat and ecosystem.

As you move forward in your outreach efforts, let us know how we can continue to support this initiative of Save Topsfield Wildlife.

Sincerely,

Erin Bonney Casey
Executive Director