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Re: AB 1788 - California Ecosystems Protection Act

Honorable Committee Members:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, founded in 1952, represents 42 resident and homeowner associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains with 250,000 constituents. The Federation urges you to vote YES on AB 1788, the California Ecosystems Protection Act.

The Federation has long supported efforts to ban rodenticides. We recognize that the use of rodenticides has the unintended consequence of killing not only rats but also their natural predators such as owls, hawks, coyotes, and snakes. As the rodenticides move up the food chain, they kill family pet dogs and cats as well. They do not discriminate.

The dangerous consequences of rodenticides were most vividly illustrated by photographs of Griffith Park's own mountain lion P-22 in 2014 when camera traps showed the once-handsome cat covered with mange. P-22 was lucky though. Because he was being monitored by the National Park Service, they quickly trapped him, treated him with Vitamin K to stop the internal bleeding and treated the mange. Thanks to the NPS quick response, P-22 is thriving today.

AB 1788 is well balanced legislation that bans rodenticides where there are totally inappropriate but allows their use in limited areas and in certain emergency situations. The Federation urges a YES vote on AB 1788.

Sincerely,

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