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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Thomas A. Golden, Jr., City Manager 

**FROM:** Shawn Machado, Assistant City Manager

**CC:** Doreen Burgess & Conor Baldwin

**DATE:** May 5, 2025

**SUBJECT: Motion Response - C. Gitschier 4/29/2025** - Request the City Manager work with the state delegation to file petition with the General Court seeking the adoption of special legislation as set out below:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LOWELL TO PROHIBIT OR RESTRICT THE APPLICATION OF SECOND-GENERATION ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES:  
SECTION 1. Notwithstanding chapter 132B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the City of Lowell may by ordinance prohibit or restrict the application of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides within the City of Lowell, including application of such pesticides by licensed commercial applicators as defined in 333 C.M.R. 10.00  
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

Dear State Delegation,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to formally request the state delegation to file a petition with the General Court seeking the adoption of special legislation aimed at granting the City of Lowell the authority to prohibit or restrict the application of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides.

As outlined in the proposed legislation, entitled “AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LOWELL TO PROHIBIT OR RESTRICT THE APPLICATION OF SECOND-GENERATION ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES,” I believe it is imperative for our community to have local control over the use of these highly toxic substances.

Section 1 of the proposed act clearly states:

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The risks associated with second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides, such as their potential to harm non-target wildlife, pets, and even human health, have become a pressing concern in our city. By preventing or limiting their use, we can safeguard our community's ecosystem and promote a healthier environment for all residents.

We urge your support in moving this essential legislation forward to ensure that the City of Lowell can take proactive measures in protecting our local environment and public health.

Thank you for considering this important request. I look forward to collaborating with you and other members of the delegation to promote the well-being of the City.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Golden Jr.