

September 28, 2020

Dear Governor Newsome:

I am writing on behalf of Save Open Space, Santa Monica Mountains, to vote in favor of AB 1788.

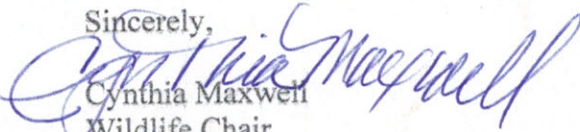
As I am a master falconer, I live in fear everyday that my 32 year old RedTail Hawk will catch a rabbit or squirrel that has consumed a rodenticide. Second generation poisons pose a real threat to our wildlife. It is horrible to see our predators and scavengers die because of the senseless use of SGAR's when simple preventions can be put in place that will make these poisons unnecessary. The pesticide companies argue that it will be more costly if they cannot use SGAR's. However there are alternatives and in the big picture the cost to our balance of nature will be much more.

I have seen bobcats thin and covered with mange, birds of prey dying horrible deaths because of SGARs. The really sad issue is that these very animals that are dying are the real remedy!!

We have to wake up and be responsible custodians of our environment and think of the bigger picture and do what is right.

Please sign AB1788 into law.

Sincerely,


Cynthia Maxwell
Wildlife Chair
Save Open Space