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The Honorable Katie Hobbs
Honorable Katie Hobbs
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Dear Governor Katie Hobbs,

I wish to bring to your attention Dr. Amy Eisenberg, who has encountered a problem with the Arizona Department of Agriculture. Dr. Eisenberg's primary concern is that poison bait traps, that contain Difethialone, are being left in the common areas of her neighborhood. She feels that the traps, even though tamper resistant, are extremely dangerous to children that may find and open them. In addition, once opened the poison poses potentially lethal danger not only to the children, but also to pets and other nontarget animals.

Dr. Eisenberg feels that the *"Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 3 - Agriculture, Chapter 20 – Pest Management Division Page 19 3-3624, B. 4. Applying pesticides in a manner that is inconsistent with the label and labeling of the pesticide or that may cause harm to the public, the environment or nontarget animals."* addresses her concern.

Dr. Eisenberg states that the Arizona Department of Agriculture is aware that a local private pest exterminator is setting the bait traps in common areas / wildlife corridors in a way that could potentially cause harm to the public and that it is not enforcing the ARS cited above.

Additionally, Dr. Eisenberg cites the EPA Precautionary Statements specifically referencing the danger to children:

CAUTION: Harmful if swallowed. Harmful if absorbed through the skin. Causes moderate eye irritation. Avoid contact with eyes, skin or clothing. Keep away from children, domestic animals and pets. All handlers (including applicators) must wear long pants, shoes, socks, and waterproof gloves. Any person who retrieves carcasses or unused bait following application of this product must wear waterproof gloves.

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Because the situation is under the jurisdiction of the State of Arizona, I am respectfully referring this matter to you for consideration. I do not require a reply in this instance and respectfully request that you or the appropriate entity respond directly to the constituent.

Sincerely,


Mark Kelly
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