

Written Testimony Submission for House Bill No. 5923- An Act Relating to Health and Safety: High-Heat Waste Facility Act of 2021

To the RI House of Environmental and Natural Resources Committee Members:

Our names are Carol and Kevin Lampeter and we are full-time resident homeowners in East Greenwich, RI who are fully supportive and **FOR IMMEDIATE APPROVAL** of House Bill No. 5923.

We are supportive of House Bill No. 5923 for all of the well- articulated facts as stated in the current Bill as written. Solid and medical waste incineration of any kind including high-heat waste processing including but not limited to , gasification, pyrolysis, plasma-arc, and chemical recycling are **NOT** environmental green initiatives but actually detrimental to RI's natural resources, surrounding neighborhoods and the health of our people and their families. The facilities that handle such waste do not hire many people to operate

and do not significantly contribute to our local and/or state economy.

Recent attempts by an out-of-state company from NJ , to start up MedRecycler RI, Inc seeking RI DEM environmental approval for a medical waste incineration facility at 1600 Division Road, West Warwick, RI (Lot 3,471) stating that it is the most environmentally friendly way to handle such medical waste most of which will be transported into RI from other states is actually called “ GREENWASHING”, a form of marketing spin used to deceptively persuade the public and public officials that a company’s aims and operations are environmentally friendly. The reality is that they are NOT environmentally friendly at all. The pyrolysis method they propose has never been tested in the US and is not in operation for medical waste anywhere in the US or any other country.

We urge you on behalf of all Rhode Islanders to vote “YES” for Bill No 5923 to protect the vast natural resources and the overall health and

safety of our people and communities across
Rhode Island.

Thank you for your consideration of this written
testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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