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To: House Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Subject: In support of 2021-H 5923

Dear Committee Members,

I am a board-certified child and adolescent psychiatrist who trained at Brown, currently working in the community, as well as a resident of East Greenwich and mother of three East Greenwich students, and I am firmly in support of Rep. Caldwell's bill 2021—H 5923. I am all in favor of safe, green energy in our state, but MedCycler and new high-heat waste facilities are not conclusively either safe or green. The scientific evidence supporting pyrolysis is completely insufficient. As a specialist in pediatric neurologic and psychiatric development, I feel that high-heat waste facilities pose a grave risk to the health and well-being of our children; allowing plants like MedCycler to emit unspecified chemicals during regular functioning, as well as the risk should there be a malfunction, could lead to brain damage, endocrine disruption and even cancer in our youngest and most vulnerable children. It is not acceptable to put children's lives and health at risk in pursuit of profit or ostensible "green energy" endeavors. This is true for any and all neighborhoods in Rhode Island. I urge you to support 2021-H 5923.

Sincerely,

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