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Members of the House Committee on Environmental and Natural Resources,

Thank you for conducting this hearing today regarding HB5923. My name is Joy Weisbord; I am a resident of Representative Caldwell's district, and I strongly support this bill prohibiting new high heat waste processing facilities in Rhode Island.

There are people who will testify today and who can, if you seek out their expertise, attest to the scientific details of the many dangers of having high heat waste processing facilities in such a densely populated state as ours. By any measure, Rhode Island is one of the most densely populated states in the U.S. There are the clear dangers to human health from the emissions and bi-products of high heat waste processing, let alone clear horrors that could occur if there were to be an industrial accident involving this type of plant or business. At only 48 miles long by 37 miles wide, the effects of high heat waste processing are shared statewide and cumulative..more plants equal higher risks. Rhode Islanders enjoy a wonderful quality of life and value our natural resources, our open spaces, our access to clean air and bay and ocean water. We need to protect these resources and this quality of life now and for future generations and make sure that no one from inside the state or certainly that no one from the outside can try to use fancy words or terms that sound good.. or sound great.. to sneak bad, dangerous businesses in under our noses... not in West Warwick, not in East Greenwich, not in Coventry Exeter, Burrillville, Johnston, Scituate, Central Falls, not anywhere in the state. A cursory reading let alone a deep dive on what is known, and possibly even more dangerous, what is unknown about high heat waste processing plants will lead you to the facts..that high heat waste processing plants are bad for the environment, bad for Rhode Island, and bad for the flora, fauna, and humans that inhabit it..

This legislation will ensure that No other Rhode Island communities will have to endure what the citizens of West Warwick and East Greenwich are going through now. High heat waste processing by methods including pyrolysis present far too big a risk for far too little reward. Please give HB5923 your full attention and vote to pass it out of committee to be considered by the full House.

Thank you.

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