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**From:** artsmart@charter.net  
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**To:** House Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
**Cc:** House Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
**Subject:** regarding bill 2021-H-5923,

To whom it may concern,

I am **completely in favor of Bill 2021-5923** which bans new “high-heat waste processing facilities”, in hopes that it passes.

I recently bought a home in Rhode Island, a state I’ve loved and have wanted to reside in for quite some time. I bought that home on the border of West Warwick and East Greenwich, not too far from where the proposed medical waste facility would be located. With such joy and focus on my closing and moving in, when the dust settled I was completely blind sided to learn of a proposed medical waste facility. As Rhode Island heads towards such vital and important environmental changes, such a facility is in no way ‘green’ nor headed in a direction of such. Along with my concerns for my own personal health in being located relatively close to such a facility, I’m now concerned about the value of the home I just bought. Todays young buyers are very environmentally aware, and savvy and they most certainly do their homework when making such a huge purchase as a new home. Had I been looking for a house in an area which already had a medical waste facility, I would NOT have purchased the house. However, when I did my due diligence in researching environmental hazards, nothing came up because the facility is proposed only at this juncture, nor was my realtor aware of such a facility proposal. Such a facility most certainly impacts home owners rights to a healthy and safe environment and the possibility of a home holding if not increasing, it’s value for the home owner. Rhode Island should not be considered a ‘good place’ for such transparently polluting companies to come to from New Jersey or anywhere else, to exploit and pollute this fine state, and the region.

Most people know by know, that Dioxins are highly toxic, can cause reproductive and developmental problems, damage our immune systems and cause cancer. Pyrolysis is an unknown and unproven system which will still put a dangerous amount of dioxin in our environment. The toxicity a medical waste facility will release into the atmosphere, are in any way safe for close human proximity, our environment, the air and certainly not the waterways and beautiful coast Rhode Islanders are so, so very fortunate to enjoy.

Thank you to Rep. Justine A. Caldwell for sponsoring this bill. What a great champion for the health and well being rights of Rhode Island. She is exactly the kind of politician we need in this state, and in the country.

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