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Subject: Support for Amended H8400

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Dear Committee Members and House Leadership,

I am writing to express my strong support for the version of H8400 which removes the expiration date. I respectfully urge you to vote this bill out of committee with a recommendation for passage during this legislative session.

As a resident of North Kingstown, I am deeply concerned about the prospect of a sewage sludge pyrolysis plant in our backyard. This isn't just about "not in my backyard" aesthetics; it's about documented public health risks. The facility's own permit applications acknowledge emissions of mercury—a neurotoxin that impacts families for generations—and benzene, a Class 1 carcinogen with no known safe level of exposure.

I moved to North Kingstown because it was a beautiful town, with good schools, and proximity to the ocean. This is the ideal town for families. If the plant project is built, that good reputation will take a dark turn.

We do not need a commission to confirm what common sense already dictates: industrial facilities emitting over 20 documented hazardous particles do not belong near our homes, schools, or our sole source aquifer.

Furthermore, the lack of transparency and minimal public comment opportunities during the initial stages of this project have severely fractured the trust between our community and the Quonset Development Corporation (QDC). This relationship is vital to our local and state economy, but it cannot thrive without a foundation of safety.

By passing H8400 without an expiration date, you provide North Kingstown the certainty that another pyrolysis LLC won't simply appear once the spotlight fades.

Removing the expiration date is a necessary step toward repairing the QDC-North Kingstown partnership and ensuring our town remains a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to our community's safety.

Sincerely,
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