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**Subject:** Support for Amended H8400

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Dear Committee Members and House Leadership,

We strongly support the proposed version of H8400 that has had the expiration date removed. We respectfully ask that you vote this bill out of committee, recommending passage by the full chamber during this legislative session.

The citizens of North Kingstown do not want a sewage sludge pyrolysis plant in their community. Recent public comments have highlighted grave concerns regarding the accumulation of mercury—a known neurotoxin with long-lasting generational impacts—and benzene, an established class 1 carcinogen for which no safe exposure limit is known. With over 20 other hazardous particles and emissions documented in the pyrolysis plant's minor source air permit application, it is clear that these facilities do not belong in the middle of our homes, schools, and sole water sources. We do not need to wait on commission results to tell us this is the wrong place for this type of technology.

Beyond the immediate need to protect community health, the expedited timeline and negligible public comment opportunities early in this facility's process have severely damaged the community relationship with the Quonset Development Corporation (QDC), an entity critical to both the town and state economy. Passing this bill without an expiration date will give the community the confidence that a new pyrolysis plant under a different LLC is not waiting right around the corner. This foundational safety is a critical precursor to bolstering and repairing the QDC-North Kingstown relationship that has served the state so well over the last several decades.

We would like to add that Diane's father spent many of his working years in solid waste management. He was an expert in this field and would be horrified to learn that this plant is planned to be so close to neighborhoods and over a sole source aquifer for the town. He was tasked with mitigating many of the wrongs that were done by the chemical corporation for which he worked for over 40 years. We know for certain that he would be against this planned plant which has absolutely no proper buffer zone from the surrounding community.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

Michael & Diane Rivelli

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