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Subject: Support for H8400 - Protect Quonset

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Dear Committee Members and House Leadership,

As a resident of North Kingstown, I strongly urge you to support H8400. Furthermore, I request that this bill be amended to eliminate the expiration date of February 1, 2027.

The citizens of North Kingstown do not want a sludge pyrolysis plant in our town, nor do many citizens of East Greenwich, Exeter, South Kingstown, and Narragansett. Locating such a facility within the land controlled by the Quonset Development Corporation (QDC) is unacceptable due to the potential health and environmental hazards it poses to our community, our schools, and our only water source. When the industrial park was approved in the 1970s, the area was vastly less built up. Residential development since then has changed the acceptable uses for the site.

I am surprised and disappointed that the hearing for H8400 has been scheduled to coincide with a high-profile Q&A meeting with the QDC, especially as this date was set shortly after a community rally was announced for the exact same time. I am hopeful that this scheduling was driven by an urgency to move this legislation to the House floor with a recommendation for full passage. However, I must respectfully note that this timing creates unpleasant optics for a community already dealing with feelings of betrayal and lack of transparency.

I respectfully ask that you vote this bill out of committee, recommending passage by the full chamber during this legislative session. I urge you to do the right thing for the citizens of North Kingstown and nearby communities -- please pass this bill.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

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