

4/28/2026

Re: Proposed pyrolysis sludge plant in Quonset Business Park

Dear Committee Members and House Leadership.

I am writing in support of 2026 H8400 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT – QUONSET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, Craven, McEntee, Caldwell, Finkelman, Solomon, and Kazarian.

My family and I reside in North Kingstown. Our neighborhood is proximate to the proposed sludge pyrolysis site in the West Davisville Quonset Business Park.

My family and I moved to the state in 2013. Since then, I have grown an appreciation for the State of Rhode Island, and by extension the QDC, as a being champions of environmental protection and conservation. Unfortunately, the QDC's push to all the sludge facility to be developed go against the core values that I had believed the QDC supported. The subject sludge property sits immediately adjacent to protected wetlands, Core Forests, and North Kingstown's main source of municipal water.

In my opinion, it would be irresponsible for the respective regulatory and governing authorities to permit development of such a facility that will be processing dangerous and toxic substances with relatively new and unproven technology in such close proximity to vulnerable and protected natural resource areas.

I trust that the DEM and any other governing authority responsible for approving this project will do the right thing and live up to their standards of environmental protection and prevent this project from being approved and developed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Baltzer".

Jeff Baltzer