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Dear Committee Members and House Leadership,

As a resident and home owner of North Kingstown for 18years, 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 an unproven sludge pyrolysis plant in our town. 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.

### *Direct Neighborhood Impact:*

According to current development data, this facility will directly impact the health and quality of life for several hundred families in Reynolds Farm and the over 100 families at Kingstown Crossings, not to mention other close neighborhoods. Placing an industrial plant that processes 150+ tons of sludge daily within 1500ft residential areas is a failure in zone planning. Please remember, they are incinerating 317,000lbs of sludge...24/7. Health is at risk and so too is the planned additional 3200 jobs that Electric Boat is considering to fill at the Quonset location. Quonset has currently over 14,000 full and part time employees. Why would any business located there, hire more people with the risk of daily terrible air quality?

### *Threat to the Sole Source Aquifer:*

This project sits atop the Hunt-Annaquatucket-Pettaquamscutt Sole Source Aquifer. Because this is North Kingstown's only source of drinking water, any leak or contamination of heavy metals or PFAS from sludge processing poses an irreversible threat to the entire town's water security. If chemicals leak into the underground waterway, we could face an irreversible loss of our water supply...hence the end of North Kingstown.

### *Wider Environmental Impact:*

The impact of this facility is not limited to the neighborhoods in its shadow. Prevailing wind patterns in the Quonset area risk carrying particulate matter and chemical odors across the Post Road corridor and into East Greenwich, Wickford Cove, Jamestown, Quaker Lane, affecting air quality for

thousands of additional Rhode Islanders. People, Restaurants and Businesses will sue, or leave North Kingstown, destroying all property values...almost immediately.

*Immediate Proximity to Schools:*

The site is dangerously close to Davisville Middle School, Davisville Academy, and West Bay Christian Academy. This facility will affect close to 1000 students—from preschool through grade 8—at risk of exposure to industrial air emissions and persistent odors during their school day. We have to protect our children's health and education. Our children cannot sit in a class room for 6+ hours each day and do homework at home with the stench of the sludge plant, 24/7.

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.

I respectfully ask that you vote this bill out of committee, recommending passage by the full chamber during this legislative session.

Please do the right thing for the citizens of North Kingstown and pass this bill.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

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