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Subject: Support for H8400 – Protect Quonset and North Kingstown

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Dear Committee Members and House Leadership,

My name is Michael J. Escobar, and I am a resident of North Kingstown.

I am writing to strongly urge you to support H8400. I also respectfully request that the bill be amended to remove the current expiration date of February 1, 2027, so that its protections remain in place.

I have serious concerns about the proposed sludge pyrolysis facility and its potential impacts on our community. This type of operation introduces risks related to air quality, groundwater protection, and overall environmental safety—particularly given North Kingstown's reliance on a sole-source aquifer for drinking water.

In addition to these concerns, I would ask that careful consideration be given to the timing of this hearing relative to other community meetings on this issue. Many residents are actively trying to stay informed and engaged, and it is important that they have a fair opportunity to participate in both local discussions and the legislative process.

This is not simply a land-use question—it is a matter of public health, environmental protection, and community trust.

I respectfully ask that you vote H8400 out of committee with a recommendation for passage and ensure that it provides lasting protection for the residents of North Kingstown.

Thank you for your time, your consideration, and your service to the people of Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

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