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**Subject:** Support for H8400 - Protect North Kingstown's children

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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 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.

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.

I moved my family to North Kingstown in search of a better life for them. I have two children, ages 8 and 5, both of whom go to Stony Lane Elementary School. My wife is also a special education teacher at Stony lane Elementary.

I've seen information about the pollutants approved by our own DEM for the company who wants to build this sludge pyrolysis plant within a 1 mile radius of Stony Lane Elementary school. It is within 2 miles of several other schools and athletic fields where our children spend considerable time outdoors.

A man came to our door recently and talk about the plans for the QDC to execute a lease for this company to pollute our air and potentially our sole source aquifer. My children asked me why the police couldn't intervene and protect them. I explained to them that it was not the role of the police to protect us from local environmental threats, but the job of our elected officials at the local and state level. They then asked why those people aren't helping us stay safe.

I don't know how to answer that question. I'm placing trust in our elected officials to do the moral thing and protect our children from this imminent threat. I understand there is a healthcare crisis in our state and the country as a whole, but the solution should not be to ensure that my children get diagnosed with cancer before the age of 50 because our elected officials couldn't - or refused - do the right thing and protect them.

My children are ages 8 (a daughter) and 5 (son). If you would like to meet them and personally answer their questions as to why you can't - or won't - protect them from this threat, I'm more than happy to arrange a meeting to discuss.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

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