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Subject: Support for H8400 - Protect Quonset

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Good afternoon,

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 and there is no place for it in residential communities anywhere in this state. Locating such a facility within 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 primary water source.

I am disappointed that the hearing for H8400 was scheduled to coincide with a high-profile Q&A meeting with the QDC, particularly as this date was set shortly after a community rally was announced for the same time. While I hope this scheduling reflects an urgency to move this legislation to the House floor for full passage, the timing creates poor optics for a community already feeling marginalized.

I respectfully ask that you vote this bill out of committee with a recommendation for 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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