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Subject: Support for H8400 - Protect Quonset

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Dear Committee Members and House Leadership,

As a resident of North Kingstown, I strongly urge you to support H8400. I also respectfully 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. Placing such a facility on land controlled by the Quonset Development Corporation (QDC) is unacceptable because of the serious health and environmental hazards it could bring to our community, our schools, and our sole water source.

As parents who want nothing more than to raise our children in a clean and safe environment, this issue hits especially close to home. We dream of our kids being able to play outside, breathe fresh air, and grow up healthy without worrying about potential toxic emissions or long-term pollution affecting our neighborhoods. We owe it to them, and to the generations that will come after us to protect the air, soil, and water they will inherit. This isn't just about today; it's about the kind of future we leave behind.

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 since this date was set shortly after our community rally was announced. I am hopeful that this scheduling was driven by an honest urgency to move this legislation forward with a recommendation for full passage. However, I must respectfully note that this timing creates unpleasant optics for a community that already feels betrayed and kept in the dark.

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 families of North Kingstown and pass this bill.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

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