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To: House Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Cc: Rep. Cortvriend, Terri-Denise; Sen. DiPalma, Louis P.
Subject: Re: House Bill 2024 — H 8071

Dear House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

Please accept this message as my support for House Bill No. 2024 -- H 8071 to increase the acceptable level of Arsenic in the soil to 20ppm, which would be consistent with our neighboring State of MA residential limits.

This change will help lower the cost of dealing with arsenic remediation that adds substantial costs to all development/redevelopment activities.

This change will also help bring more housing projects and affordable housing projects to the State of Rhode Island.

As the owner of an excavation and utility company, licensed in RI, I have personally been involved in over 50 projects where Arsenic levels between 7.0 and 15.0 were found and caused us to incur and pass on to our customers very high trucking and disposal costs. In my opinion, these costs were unnecessary had the State of RI followed a similar track that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts had.

Thank you for your consideration of this important Bill.

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