

Testimony in support of House Bill 5340, House Environment Committee Feb. 27, 2025.
by Peter Trafton, Providence Rhode Island

Dear Chair Bennett and Honorable Members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

I write in strong support of 5340, Rep Boylan's and cosponsors' bill to require producers of artificial turf and infill to maintain chain-of-custody records from installation through disposal. We now know that artificial turf contains "forever chemicals" which threaten to injure not only those who play on them, but everyone else down the line who encounters the waste and these agents as the turf decomposes.

I am familiar with the stories of such materials having been used in Barrington Rhode Island, without appropriate notification of parents and athletes. Our grandsons live there, and we want to see that every possible measure is made to protect them.

Please support 5340 to reduce the burden of poisonous chemical waste.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PG Trafton". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the "P" and "G" being particularly prominent.

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