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House Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Dear Members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Microplastics Reduction Act (2025-H 5492), which is an essential step toward safeguarding the environment and human health. As we continue to witness the growing prevalence of plastic pollution in our oceans, rivers, and ecosystems, it is clear that immediate action is necessary to address this crisis. The Microplastics Reduction Act offers a significant opportunity to reduce the impact of microplastics and promote a cleaner, healthier planet for future generations.

Microplastics, which are tiny particles of plastic less than 5 millimeters in size, have become ubiquitous in our environment. They are found in the air we breathe, the water we drink, and even in the food we eat. Their persistence and ability to accumulate in the food chain are not only detrimental to wildlife but also pose serious long-term health risks to humans. Reducing microplastic pollution is therefore not just an environmental concern, but a public health issue as well.

The second bill (2025-H 5340) addressing the monitoring of the impact of artificial turf is also important to me as a resident of Burrillville and a concerned citizen drinking well water from that ecosystem. It should not take concerned citizens spending their time and resources to inform and protect the citizens in a town. Validating the huge impact these turf fields have on the health and well being will support those fighting to keep our water and ecosystems safe for all.

As a concerned citizen, I strongly urge you to lend your full support to this important piece of legislation. The time to act is now, and I believe that the Microplastics Reduction Act represents a critical step in the right direction. By passing this bill, we will not only protect wildlife and ecosystems, but we will also create a cleaner, more sustainable future for all.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope that you will support the Microplastics Reduction Act and work to make it a priority in your legislative agenda.

Sincerely, Monique DeRoche