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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2025 1:56 PM  
**To:** House Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
**Cc:** Rep. Place, David J.; Sen. de la Cruz, Jessica; rep-newberry@rilegislature.gove  
**Subject:** Microplastics Reduction Act H 5492

Dear Members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Stephanie Sloman and I live in Burrillville. I am writing to you today concerning Bill H5492, "Microplastics Reduction Act" to prohibit the sale or distribution of products containing synthetic polymer microplastic particles.

I support this bill because I am concerned about the negative impacts of the microplastics in the environment as well as the negative impacts of microplastics in our bodies. This bill, if passed, will reduce the microplastic particles shedding from plastic bottles, plastic bags, and, yes, artificial turf fields.

I am concerned about not only the short-term effects but also of the long-term effects of microplastics. Plastics themselves are already been found in the digestive tracts of marine mammals and have caused deaths. Microplastics are already in the food chain in the oceans, rivers, ponds, lakes, and vernal pools. Once an ecosystem is disrupted or destroyed, other ecosystems will follow.

I am concerned about my grandchildren's short-term and long-term health. It keeps me awake at night.

I hope that my opinion (above) will help you to decide the fate of Rhode Island concerning the continuing increases of microplastic particles in our environment. The Ocean State needs this bill to be passed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Sloman  
Burrillville resident