

**Testimony of Peter Trafton MD of Providence. Rhode Island in support of H 5844**

Dear Chair Bennett and Members of The House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

I write with strong and enthusiastic support for H544 by Representative Cortvriend and colleagues.

This bill requires testing so-called biosolids for PFAS contamination, the results of which must be approved before application of such biosolids to farmlands and other landscapes.

My family lives in Maine. From their stories and national news, I am well aware of the incredible pollution and contamination that occurred in the state of Maine when “bio-solids” – heat-processed sewage removed during wastewater treatment processing - were advertised and sold for farm use. Farms were ruined, people and animals were exposed to dangerous chemicals. Surely we must prevent this from happening in Rhode Island!

H5844 is a basic and essential safety measure. Please pass this and put it to work for our state and its farmlands.

Thanks for considering my comments.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PG Trafton". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted.

Peter Trafton MD