

January 22, 2026

The Honorable David Bennett
Chairman, House Environment & Agriculture Committee
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: H7141 Support with Amendment

Dear Chairman Bennett,

On behalf of FieldTurf, I write to express our appreciation for the Rhode Island General Assembly's focus on environmental responsibility through House Bill 7141. As a global leader in artificial turf manufacturing, FieldTurf is committed to sustainability, best-in-class manufacturing practices, and continuous innovation to ensure our products are safe and environmentally sound.

We support efforts to enhance transparency and accountability in the management of artificial turf materials throughout their lifecycle. FieldTurf has long championed responsible turf disposal and recycling initiatives, aligning with our broader mission of environmental stewardship. However, we would like to respectfully request further clarification on certain aspects of the bill to ensure its effective implementation.

The bill requires detailed reporting on the "chain of custody" of artificial turf materials, from installation through disposal. While we fully support transparency, we believe additional clarity is needed on what specific documentation or tracking mechanisms would be required under this provision. A well-defined and practical system will ensure that all stakeholders can comply efficiently without undue administrative burden.

Second, we request removing the requirement to report the "distance to and name of the nearest down gradient surface body of water." This provision falls outside the typical scope of artificial turf projects and, in our view, is not appropriate for inclusion in the bill. We respectfully propose that it be eliminated.

FieldTurf remains fully committed to working with Rhode Island policymakers, environmental advocates, and industry partners to develop responsible and effective regulations that promote sustainability while maintaining practical implementation standards. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate on refining House Bill 7141 to ensure it achieves its intended environmental benefits without creating unintended challenges for industry compliance.

Thank you for your leadership on environmental issues and for considering our input on this important matter. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can provide any further information or assistance.

Sincerely,



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