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Attn: Representative Bennett, Chair, House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and Committee Members

**Testimony to H 7141**

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
Before the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Rhode Island Farm Bureau is an independent, non-governmental grassroots organization of farm families united to enhance and strengthen the lives of rural Americans, and to build strong, prosperous agricultural communities. Today our over 1000 members are not only large farmers and small farmers but also those engaged in agricultural industries, teachers of agriculture, and consumers.

The Rhode Island Farm Bureau supports **H 7141**, which states that the Department of Environmental Management shall establish a system to track the chain of custody of artificial turf installed on sports and playing fields in the state, from the transportation, installation, and removal of the artificial turf to its reuse, recycling, and final disposal.

The Rhode Island Farm Bureau supports the use of natural turf, which would benefit the health of players as well as RI Farms and our environment. We ask the committee to pass **H 7141**.

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