

Testimony in support of H7736: RI Resource Recovery Corporation—Artificial Turf

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To Chair Bennett and the honorable Members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

Don't we already have more than enough problems from plastic in our environment? Don't we suffer from microplastics that already contaminate our bodies and accumulate over time, making us sick? Who in hell would add to that by putting artificial turf into or onto our landfills?

When did we lose common sense?

Artificial turf material should NOT be used to cover sanitary landfills. Doing so would add a large amount of plastic to the environment, and also introduce highly toxic chemicals like PFAs that leach out of the artificial turf and contaminate the environment, water tables and our drinking water for decades.

Healthy and pollution-free alternatives like natural grasses and pollinator friendly vegetation exist and should be used instead.

Please bring the bill to a vote in 2026—before more damage is done by thoughtlessly adding large amounts of plastic to our landfills.

Thank you very much for considering my input, and thank you to Representative Boylan for her common sense, for doing what's right, and for introducing this important bill.



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