

Testimony in support of House Bill 7736, House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, February 26, 2026, by Peter Trafton, Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Chair Bennett and Honorable members of the House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

Rep Boylan and colleagues have pointed out that used artificial turf is a major source of plastic waste which, as it breaks down, spills toxic chemicals and plastic debris into Rhode Island's environment. Artificial turf is challenging to throw away, and it must be tempting to use it to cover compacted solid waste. Unfortunately, that's just a stop on the way into our environment downstream.

Let's make sure that those who use artificial turf properly plan for appropriate disposal. Please support H 7736 and protect our state from more plastic debris.

Thanks for considering my input.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PTrafton". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Peter Trafton