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To: House Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Subject: Bill 2021-H-5923 testimony FOR, in support of the bill

Good morning.

I am writing to express my support of Bill 2021-H-5923. I believe waste-burning plants are damaging to the environment and would pose dangers to the people of our state. I strongly support the bill that would ban waste-burning plants in our state.

I oppose the MedCycler medical waste project on Division St. in W Warwick. I live a mile from the proposed location. I am concerned that toxic heavy metals and polluted air will pose serious health dangers to people and wildlife in the areas surrounding the plant. In addition, I understand that the law requires a buffer zone around such a site, and there isn't one in this location. I do not think the proposed medical incineration is green or clean. It will require significant fuel to burn the waste. Given that MedCycler doesn't own the property on which it will be operating, I do not understand how the site will generate tax revenue. Most importantly, I am concerned that it could pose significant health dangers for people who work at or near the plant, and for people who live near it. I do not think this is good for Rhode Island, and I am baffled and alarmed that the project made it this far. There are better ways to create jobs. This is not green energy production. I will seriously think twice about funding other green energy projects with bonds if this is the kind of project that receives funding. It's embarrassing and it's dangerous. Please don't grant it a license or let it proceed.

Best,

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