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Dear Committee Members and Senate Leadership,

I strongly support the introduction and passage of an amended version of S3224 that has the expiration date removed. Our state representatives are already moving the companion legislation forward in the House, and we urgently need our leaders in the Senate to champion this cause as well. I respectfully ask that you vote an amended version of this bill out of committee, recommending passage by the full chamber during this legislative session.

My home that has always had owls and woodpeckers is less than 1.2 miles away from the proposed facility. please note, this certainly affects not just Quonset and the surrounding "neighborhood"

- there are many- but the toxicity will meet the entire state if we let it. Mercury in the air, asphalt fumes and the banging sounds constantly throughout the night, pcb's, irreversible damage, not only to lungs, young brains but we know this is POISON! You can not purchase a thermometer with mercury due to the tiny amounts but let's let that toxicity into the air. I have always trusted DEM and the EPA until now- I really hope that everyone wakes up to this. Our water is the Earth's Gold... and someone is willing to trade that in for the health and safety of our people and our gorgeous Narragansett Bay. Please check where YOUR water comes from and what is about to happen. We are at sea level... this will go right to our beautiful bay and our aquifer to contaminate our water source. Some are treating this lightly as though it is subdivided but all 3 situations (plant - tested only in countries where it has gone horribly wrong and stopped) contaminating a farm in Texas, a battery plant- let it die out like we do

Electronic cars- only that Means thousands of families in NK evacuate and probably never get to come back to their homes.... And why are we testing Bitmar now with warnings the one person is coming when we know the loud sounds, toxic fumes are happening at night yet they have not even started yet... they plan to move by rail.. carts looking ready even though they have been hidden back behind things and the dredging just started. They want to move by sea also and none of these 3 toxic companies have a GOOD plan for WHEN it goes wrong. Other states and countries have tried these things on a smaller scale. For example, an electric car catches fire... they let it burn .. as is the plan for those thousands of homes in NK living within miles of the base. Thank you to all the NK residents for showing up. Hearing our own NK doctors, nurses, environmentalists, lawyers, citizens, scientists, fact checkers has opened my eyes even wider. We know EB needs more space-

More land- why are we playing with such danger and even considering trading in the health, safety and well being of North Kingstown residents for this toxicity that needs to be much further from my family, friends, neighbors, animals, and of course our incredible Narragansett Bay and surrounding communities that will quickly be devastated by the toxic fumes, spills, fires, evacuations let alone cancers, breathable air and drinkable water. This will affect us all... not just NK. Asphalt- no smell, toxicity or transfer to the bay- battery park to burn- no way- certainly not to employ one person but devastate a community. For the unstudied- non existent (other than flops in other countries) Sludge plant- N O! For sure not within a mile or

two of so many homes, businesses and our only access to drinking water- pay attention to what's happening in the world and then take a more careful look at your back yard! Please consider your breathable air, drinking water and families futures into consideration when contemplating if you have to he time and every to be a voice. We need to stand together for the common good. Please help us make scientifically qualified decisions, preserve our community, health, drinking water, air and gorgeous bay.

The citizens of North Kingstown do not want a sewage sludge pyrolysis plant in their community. Recent public comments have highlighted grave concerns regarding the accumulation of mercury—a known neurotoxin with long-lasting generational impacts—and benzene, an established class 1 carcinogen for which no safe exposure limit is known. With over 20 other hazardous particles and emissions documented in the pyrolysis plant's minor source air permit application, it is clear that these facilities do not belong in the middle of our homes, schools, and sole water sources. We do not need to wait on commission results to tell us this is the wrong place for this type of technology.

Beyond the immediate need to protect community health, the expedited timeline and negligible public comment opportunities early in this facility's process have severely damaged the community relationship with the Quonset Development Corporation (QDC), an entity critical to both the town and state economy. Passing this bill without an expiration date will give the community the confidence that a new pyrolysis plant under a different LLC is not waiting right around the corner. This foundational safety is a critical precursor to bolstering and repairing the QDC-North Kingstown relationship that has served the state so well over the last several decades.

Thank you for your time and service.
Sincerely,

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