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**Subject:** Support for Amended S3224

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.

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.

This shouldn't even be an issue up for debate or discussion, to be quite honest. I previously sent an email in support of H4800, and drew attention to the fact that my children were present when a man came to our door to provide us information about the proposed pyrolysis plant. While I fully understand the need for a long term solution to handling the state's waste issues, doing so in the middle of a residential community, surrounded by a number of the town's schools and also directly over the water source for everyone who lives in North Kingstown is beyond irresponsible. I'm sure this company has millions of dollars, if not more, dancing through their heads, but it must not come at the cost of our children's health and livelihood. My children are ages 8 (daughter) and 5 (son), both who attend Stony Lane elementary school. They have absolutely loved living in North Kingstown since we relocated from Warwick several years ago. We did so to provide our children with a better life. We did not relocate so that our children could be exposed to carcinogens every time they go out on the playground at school or go to softball, baseball or football practice outside on surrounding town fields. We did not relocate so that our town's water supply could be knowingly and willingly poisoned by a for profit corporation more concerned with profit than the human life it would impact in its wake with unproven and dangerous technology.

The families and residents of North Kingstown deserve to be protected. They deserve the right to be able to take a shower or drink tap water without the fear of what could happen inside their bodies. They deserve the right to breath air that hasn't been tainted with heavy metals or other pollutants. My children, the entire town's children, deserve the right to grow up without risks to their health associated with this monstrosity if it were to be erected in the epicenter of their world.

We need our elected officials to the right and moral thing and protect us from this most imminent threat.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

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