

## Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island



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The Honorable Robert Britto  
Chair, Senate Commerce Committee  
State House  
32 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman Britto:

I am writing to provide official testimony regarding Senate Bill S3224 “Prohibiting the operation of any thermal waste conversion facility such as pyrolysis within the Quonset Point/Davisville Industrial Park”. Regretfully, due to a prior commitment here in North Kingstown, I will not be able to appear in person during your committee’s deliberation this evening.

While I recognize the importance of this statewide issue, as Town Manager of North Kingstown I am writing to express our community’s strong opposition to the construction of a “thermal waste conversion facility”, also referred to as Pyrolysis or Sludge Facility, in the proposed location within Quonset Business Park.

The proposed location is adjacent to multiple neighborhoods, an affordable housing complex, a new residential development of over 300 homes, and within two miles of three (3) school and early childhood development centers. This technology is relatively new with limited historical data; with its effect on neighborhoods within its vicinity extremely unknown; it’s effect on the environment unknown; and unproven as to whether it could pose potential life, safety, and quality of life hazards to those within its proximity.

It is my opinion that the proposed location also jeopardizes the extreme success Quonset Business Park has had and its contributions to Rhode Island. With over 15,000 employees within the park, and home to Electric Boat and other important entities, I am confident that the tenants of Quonset Business Park and its thousands of employees would share my and my community’s concerns regarding this questionable addition.

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I would also like to point out the lack of public information that would have been expected with a proposal such as this. To date, there has not been any form of notice or information to abutting residents nor has it been subject to any form of well publicized, public meeting.

Please know that I have enjoyed what I feel has been an excellent and productive working relationship with Steve King, the CEO/Managing Director of QDC who has done an exceptional job in the creating the success at Quonset Business Park. This relationship that we've developed has played a significant role in this incredible success within the Park. We have agreed to improve upon this successful relationship with what will be a standing monthly meeting between he and I to discuss projects and pertinent issues within what is a critical part of North Kingstown. I am confident that, despite the most recent issues we have had to face, we will continue this relationship , the success of QDC, and the impact on the Town of North Kingstown.

I therefore write to you today in support of S3224. This legislation will protect the abutting neighborhoods, school children, environmental resources, and the tenants within Quonset Business Park.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



A. Ralph Mollis

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