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Honorable Chairman Britto,

I was alarmed by the testimony recently submitted by George Zainyeh, the lobbyist for Quonset Soil Solutions (QSS), regarding S-3224. His characterization of the \$225 million biosolid pyrolysis project as a vetted and safe solution overlooks critical facts. I ask that you and the committee consider the following points when deciding the fate of this bill:

#### The Study Commission and S-3224

- Lobbyist's Position: S-3224 preempts the newly created joint study commission designed to evaluate biosolid solutions.
- The Reality: Moving forward with a massive, permanent facility before the state commission issues its findings renders that commission moot. We should not lock the community into a decades-long contract for unproven technology located near schools, homes, and water sources. S-3224 should serve as a permanent ban to ensure Quonset Point does not become a testing ground for experimental waste conversion.

#### PFAS and Air Quality Safeguards

- Lobbyist's Position: Pyrolysis will "safely eradicate PFAS" and maintain emissions below acceptable levels.
- The Reality: There is a lack of scientific consensus on safe PFAS emission levels. Furthermore, heating toxic sludge creates unregulated volatile chemical byproducts (Products of Incomplete Combustion, or PICs), and the proposed facility lacks safeguards to monitor or capture these compounds. The process also risks concentrating toxic heavy metals in the resulting biochar intended for sale as fertilizer.

#### The QDC Approval Process

- Lobbyist's Position: QSS participated in a "robust approval process" through the Quonset Development Corporation (QDC) that included a public vote in November 2024.
- The Reality: The QDC met only the bare legal minimums of the Open Meetings Act, effectively excluding meaningful community feedback. Had the process been truly transparent, the overwhelming community dissent currently being expressed would have surfaced months ago.

Rigorous environmental protection and community consent must take precedence over corporate lobbying. I appreciate your service and hope the committee will prioritize the reality of the situation over the narrative provided by QSS.

Sincerely,

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