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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE RESOLUTION S3225

RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY SLUDGE MANAGEMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

May 5, 2026

To: Senate Committee on Commerce

Attn: Judy Sullivan, Committee Clerk

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Re: Support for S3225 — Sludge Management Study Commission

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

As a private citizen and North Kingstown resident, I respectfully submit this testimony in support of Senate Resolution S3225.

This resolution will help Rhode Island begin to address the fact that our state has a poor history of providing a clear road to informed consent for its citizens. We often feel we don't have a voice.

Most legislative processes are difficult to navigate for citizens and there is a dearth of transparency and honest communication before decision are made. This issue of sewage sludge management is just one more example of citizens being left out of the process and shocked by decisions that potentially affect our lives, health, wellbeing and that of our children.

This resolution would provide a crucial step toward a much needed statewide evaluation of sludge management and emerging waste technologies. We need to know how any proposal will affect our air quality, water systems, coastal oversight, infrastructure, and municipal impacts. And we need a specific body that will provide citizens with a clear and comprehensive information, transparent monitoring and true opportunities to weigh into decisions that impact us.

How can the public give informed consent if we are not properly informed? If we are kept out of these conversations?

S3225 offers a way to start providing that information, giving the public access, clarity, and the opportunity to be heard.

Respectfully submitted,

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