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Testimony in support of S2531: Plastic Waste Conversion Facility Act

To Chair Sosnowski and the honorable Members of the Senate Environment and Agriculture Committee:

I support all beneficial and effective efforts to reduce the production of new plastic. Chemical recycling is neither.

As you are well aware, plastic is a global environmental and public health emergency.

Unfortunately, chemical recycling is not the solution. The headlines alone tell the story:

[“Selling a Mirage”](#) *Pro Publica*, June 2024

[“Chemical Recycling is a Toxic Trap”](#) *Natural Resources Defense Council*, March 2025

[“Experts decry ‘funny math’ of plastics industry’s ‘advanced recycling’ claims”](#) *Mongabay*, September 2022

In addition, chemical recycling facilities are disproportionately sited in marginalized communities.

Again, the headline is explanatory: [“Marginalized Communities Bake in Plastic Toxicity.”](#) *EcoRI News*, February 2026.

Rhode Island needs actual solutions to plastic pollution, such as extended user responsibility laws, not greenwashed so-called “advanced solutions” that allow the fossil fuel industry to keep producing and polluting. Say No to chemical recycling facilities in Rhode Island.

I respectfully urge you to support S2531.

Thank you,



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