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The Honorable David A. Bennett
House Environment and Natural Resources Committee
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Honorable Dave A. Bennett and Members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

I am respectfully giving testimony in support of House Bill 7357, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HIGH HEAT WASTE FACILITY ACT. The Black Lives Matter RI PAC (BLM RI PAC) appreciates the General Assembly's support in advancing this important piece of legislation, important to our families and communities across the State of Rhode Island.

This bill would enact a prohibition on the licensing of any new high-heat waste facility. As an organization that advocates for environmental protection & equity, we believe that passing this bill is crucial for safeguarding public health, preserving our environment, and promoting sustainable waste management practices.

High-heat waste facilities pose significant risks to both human health and the environment. These facilities often release harmful pollutants into the air, soil, and water, which can have detrimental effects on nearby communities and ecosystems. Moreover, the process of high-heat waste treatment can generate hazardous byproducts, including dioxins and heavy metals, which have been linked to serious health problems such as cancer, respiratory ailments, and neurological disorders.

By prohibiting the licensing of new high-heat waste facilities, House Bill 7357 will help prevent further environmental degradation and protect the well-being of our citizens. Instead of relying on outdated and harmful waste management methods, we should be investing in sustainable alternatives that minimize pollution, conserve resources, and promote a cleaner, healthier future for generations to come.

Furthermore, it is essential that we prioritize the development of renewable energy sources and innovative recycling technologies that reduce our reliance on incineration and other forms of high-heat waste treatment. By supporting clean energy initiatives and fostering a circular economy, we can create new jobs, stimulate economic growth, and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

As President of the BLM RI PAC, I am committed to supporting legislation that prioritizes equity and improves the quality of life of all Rhode Islanders. I strongly encourage you to support this bill. Thank you for your consideration. Together, we can move towards a more sustainable and resilient future for all.

Sincerely,

Harrison Tuttle
President, Black Lives Matter RI PAC