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**In Support of H-5293 – Textile Recycling Education**

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The Rhode Island Environmental Education Association (RIEEA) strongly supports **H-5293**, and respectfully urges its passage. RIEEA is a collaborative network of individuals and organizations working to support and promote environmental education in Rhode Island. Our membership includes more than 60 organizations<sup>1</sup> including Audubon Society of Rhode Island, Save The Bay, the Rhode Island Conservation Districts, and Rhode Island College, and over 400 individuals including educators, scientists, advocates, students, parents, and others.

Rhode Island's only landfill is estimated to reach its capacity by 2046, and the state must increase public awareness and expand textile recycling to keep unwanted textiles out of the landfill. Education is often overlooked as one of the best ways to address the climate crisis and other environmental issues. H-5293 would create a public education outreach program to educate residential households and commercial businesses on the value of, and proper methods to, recycle textiles in the state.

I urge you to pass this important piece of legislation.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.rieea.org/about-us/organizational-members/>