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I strongly support a moratorium on the installation of artificial turf as proposed in LD 1177 "Resolve, Establishing a 3-year Moratorium on the Installation or Reinstallation of Synthetic Turf and Requiring a Study of the Public Health and Environmental Risks of Synthetic Turf. As a resident of South Portland, I have watched this issue being discussed by the School Board, the City Council and the very active All We Can Save advocacy group. The information I have seen is crystal clear that artificial turf is a danger to humans and the already fragile environment. The accounts of injuries to young athletes are shocking and deserve strong attention. But it is the damage to the environment that really concerns me. Our world is dying from the inundation of plastic; therefore, to deliberately add more plastic to the earth instead of the natural grassy system is unethical, illogical and just not the right course of action. It's way past time to do the right thing for the planet and adding artificial groundcover is clearly not the right thing. Please study this issue carefully; allow the moratorium. Thank you..