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LD 1177

As a mother, grandmother, and retired educator from South Portland School Department, I am quite concerned about the plastic and toxic chemicals that artificial turf has in it. These chemicals are toxic, especially for the children who play on artificial turf.

Another concern of mine is that microplastics are a risk, not only to humans, it is now known they are a risk to plant health and seafood, as well as other aquatic life. Maine has 3,478 miles of coastline (includes inlets and bays) and a large ocean related industry.

I believe a 3 year moratorium on installing or reinstalling artificial turf and a study of the public health and environmental risks would greatly inform all of us, especially with its outreach program.

I urge you to vote unanimously, "Ought to Pass" on LD 1177.

Thank you for your time,

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