

another voice of concern in the turf conversation

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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for opening up these hearings on the turf. I write to you not as an expert of water, biology, ecology or field maintenance, but rather as a teacher for over half a century, mother, grandmother, and concerned citizen. The idea of my sports-loving grandchildren being at risk of injury and chemicals from plastic turf and our community environment being harmed is what motivates me to write to you now. My children grew up on Vineyard sports and soil when the temptation of being more competitive by practicing on plastic was not an option. But I know I would have felt the same if it had been. Plastic is toxic.

Thanks again for listening, asking thoughtful questions, spending time weighing the benefits and hazards to our community. Your concern is a comfort.

Warmly,

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