

# NEW HAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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February 27, 2023

To: Co-Chairs Lopes and Gresko, Vice-Chairs Hochadel and Palm, Ranking Members Harding and Callahan and members of the Environment Committee:

Re: SB 100, AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNT IN THE GENERAL FUND TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO TOWNS THAT NEED PFAS TESTING AND REMEDIATION

The New Haven Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), the city board that deals with environmental issues, supports S.B. 100 and urges you to support it and to call it for a committee vote and approve it.

In addition, we urge you to support H.B. 5070, AN ACT PROHIBITING STATE AND MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELDS, as it would help prevent more PFAS-laden artificial turf from adding more PFAS, necessitating more testing and incurring more clean-up costs.

Thank you for preserving our environment and protecting our health.

Sincerely,

The New Haven Environmental Advisory Council

<https://www.newhavenct.gov/government/boards-commissions/boards-commissions-listed/environmental-advisory-council>

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PFAS are everywhere: <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/02/22/climate/pfas-forever-chemicals-wildlife-animals.html>

News reports of PFAS In artificial turf:

Boston mayor ordered no new artificial turf in parks due to

PFAS: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/sep/30/boston-bans-artificial-turf-toxic-forever-chemicals-pfas>

Portsmouth, NH found PFAS in artificial

turf: <https://www.gorealgograss.com/pfas>