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To: Alex Elvin
Subject: Please say NO to synthetic turf for MVRHS

To the Martha's Vineyard Commission,

I am writing to express my opposition to the synthetic playing field that is being considered for installation at the regional high school.

Strike 1: it would be installed on top of the island's only aquifer, leaching carcinogens and toxic chemicals into our water supply.

Strike 2: it would have negative health effects on the athletes that use the field both for the above-mentioned toxic chemicals and for the likely increase in injuries and concussions.

Strike 3: it is being sold as "recyclable" when, in fact, there is no recycling facility available to effectively destroy or recycle it. It is a plastic product with a very long life, and when it is no longer useful as a playing field, it has nowhere to go.

Three strikes... well, you know...

At a time when our island should be a part of a global effort to reduce plastics and toxic waste and to protect our water, our air and thereby our health, the synthetic fields would be a step in the opposite direction.

I urge the Commission to vote NO on the synthetic playing field and support the use of natural grass fields instead.

Thank you very much for your consideration

Respectfully,
Jennifer Crawford
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