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Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

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Dear Chairs of the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

The Barnstable County Board of Regional Commissioners support Orleans Home Rule Petitions to protect its residents, visitors, waters, wildlife, and environment by addressing the serious negative effects of Fertilizer and Pesticides. Our natural environment is what brings people to Orleans and Cape Cod and is what makes us want to stay in this special place. Now and in the future, it is our most valuable environmental resource and economic asset. Its health directly affects every resident, property owner, visitor, and business in Orleans and Cape Cod.

Home Rule Petitions:

1. 'An act of regulating the Application of Fertilizer in Orleans' H.874 currently in the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
2. Pesticide Reduction Article 24, approved by super majority at Orleans Fall 2023 Special Town meeting, pending legislative process.

We join over a dozen local and regional organizations who have offered their support for these Petitions.

Sincerely,


Ronald Bergstrom, Chair


Mark Forest, Vice Chair


Sheila Lyons Commissioner

cc.

Representative Sarah Peake
Senator Julian Cyr
Orleans Town Manager Kim Newman
Orleans Select Board Chair Michael Herman