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Dear Ms. Desiderio,

Clean Water Action is concerned about the City of Malden's plans to install artificial turf adjacent to a public school in an environmental justice community. Like lead, PFAS are unsafe at very low levels, with impacts that include immunosuppression, increased risk of certain cancers, and developmental harm.

Despite industry claims that some turf is PFAS free—all turf that has been tested has contained multiple PFAS. Artificial turf also raises a number of other concerns, particularly adverse climate impact and increased likelihood of injury for athletes playing on the surface.

We urge the City of Malden to reconsider its plan to install artificial turf. Please see the attached letter, which we sent to the Board of Health and submit to the City Council members for their consideration.

Sincerely, Cynthia Luppi
New England Director,

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