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I would like to submit comments regarding the proposed expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill. I am unable to attend the public hearing this evening or tomorrow, but I understand that written comments are also accepted.

I understand that the intent of this project is to increase the size of the Juniper Ridge Landfill fourfold, and to import waste streams from outside of Maine. This landfill threatens the health and well-being of all people along the Penobscot River, and in particular, it threatens the Penobscot people and their legal access to fishing rights in the river. How such an expansion can even be considered is beyond sanity. The State of Maine, and all of us as citizens of the state of Maine, have a duty to honor the treaties and agreements created with the Penobscot and other Wabanaki nations. We also have a duty to future generations to preserve clean water and clean air. People are acting as if water is an infinite resource, when, as we have seen this summer, one season's drought can affect the quality and availability of drinking water in towns and country wells. We have to start putting our fresh water rivers and streams, lakes and ponds, as a high priority for environmental protection and enhancement.

This project is not "in my backyard" but as a citizen of Maine I am writing in support of those for whom it is in their neighborhood. I call upon you to create a zero-growth plan going forward, and full accountability for the water and air pollution that have already been generated with full safeguards going into future operations. Don't accept out of state waste! Thank you for remembering the future generations in all your deliberations.

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