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Ambassador Mulian Bryant
Penobscot Indian Nation
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Dear Ambassador Bryant,

I am writing to you in my capacity as the tribal liaison for the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (the Department). We are reaching out regarding the Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town, Maine. As you are aware, there is recent interest in changes and potential for expansion of the facility. The Department anticipates that it will soon be receiving an application for a Determination of Public Benefit ("PBD application") pursuant to the provisions of 38 M. R. S. § 1310-AA. The procedure related to the PBD application will include public notice and opportunity for public comment.

The Department is seeking to engage the Penobscot Indian Nation's leaders in a listening session to hear tribal concerns regarding the PBD application once it is received. The Department is proposing a meeting at Indian Island as soon as we can set a mutually agreeable date and time, after the PBD application is received. Department representatives will include the Director and local staff from the Department's Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management and others.

We are hopeful this meeting will provide an opportunity for face-to-face dialog and to better inform the Department as we contemplate this important decision. Once the PBD application is received, Department staff will contact you to determine the best day and time for a meeting. Thank you for your consideration of this request. We appreciate your leadership and look forward to hearing from the tribe soon.

Sincerely,

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cc: Melanie Loyzim, Commissioner MDEP
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