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Dear Commissioner Loyzim.

My husband and I attended the public hearing on July 16 in an attempt to better understand Casella's request. We were moved by those who shared their stories and were disappointed by the lack of detail relating to the existing condition of the landfill, commission of future planning and the impact of the future expansion.

Before the DEP can responsibly approve the public benefit determination, you must assess potential impacts on surrounding communities to ensure environmental justice and that the leachate doesn't negatively impact the Penobscot River in the immediate area as well as along the entire reach of the river and into the Gulf of Maine. In addition, the current PBD application does not have an adequate assessment of the impacts of PFAS-laden leachate into the Penobscot River, and its cumulative impacts on the Penobscot people, as well as Old Town and Alton residents.

Juniper Ridge Landfill is already polluting and impacting nearby communities and the environment through the release of methane emissions and PFAS that threatens to poison groundwater and the river.

The request to expand the landfill is only a bandaid approach that doesn't address the current failures and future needs. The DEP must do this work to create a viable longterm solution. Until then, you must vote no to the request by Casella to expand the Juniper Ridge Landfill as it does not meet the requirements of achieving a public benefit.

Sincerely,

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