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Hello Karen & David,

The Veazie Salmon Club writes today with heavy hearts and a deep sense of urgency. The proposed expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill, with its continued practice of discharging waste effluent into the Penobscot River, strikes at the very soul of our community and the natural world that sustains us.

For generations, the Atlantic Salmon of our home river have fought their way upstream to spawn, to create life, and to continue a cycle as old as the river itself. These remarkable fish embody resilience and perseverance, qualities that we hold dear. But now, their survival hangs in the balance, threatened by PFAS and other chemical ridden landfill effluent that spews from the discharge pipes located in the Penobscot River waters they call home.

The Penobscot River is not just a body of water; it is a living, breathing artery that nourishes our lands, our wildlife, and our community, and our spirits. When waste is allowed to poison these waters, we are poisoning our future, our children's heritage, and the essence of what makes our communities along the waterway special.

We cannot stand by and watch as our salmon are driven closer to extinction by reckless decisions that prioritize profit over life. The expansion of this landfill is a direct assault on the natural beauty and balance we have vowed to protect. It is an assault on our identity, on the very essence of who we are as a community bound by the river and its life-giving waters.

We implore you to halt consideration of this expansion, to find a way to coexist with nature rather than destroy it. The salmon are not just fish; they are symbols of hope, strength, and renewal. Let us protect them, as they have protected us for generations.

Sincerely,

Andy Fitzpatrick

President - The Veazie Salmon Club

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