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Dear Ms. Knuuti,

Please share my opposition to expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill with all persons at DEP and in the public repository for comments.

The proposed expansion kicks a terrible problem down the road, which is not how Maine should do things. It seems that no out-of-state waste should be allowed into Maine? In following the concerns over this landfill over the years through coverage in the Bangor Daily News, I have read that this is a key problem, in terms of running out of space.

This landfill should never have been sited in such a sensitive part of the watershed. It is sensitive because of its proximity to many streams immediately emptying into the Penobscot, and the Penobscot itself. I am particularly concerned that this expansion is so close to key land holdings of the Penobscot Nation. For far too long, Americans have sited landfills, refineries, and roads in indigenous communities and/or Black communities and/or poor communities.

We need a 21st Century solution to waste problems, and until it is found, the landfill should not be allowed to expand. This is an infrastructure issue, and I hope the State will seek funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill that Congress passed 2 years ago to devise short term and long term solutions to handle waste in the 21st Century that will avoid negative consequences for the health of our people and our lands. Are there no chemical engineers et al. at UMaine who could help?

Sincerely yours,  
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