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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in opposition to the expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill.

In current solid waste law, the DEP has defined Environmental Justice as, "...the right to be protected from environmental pollution and live in and enjoy a clean and healthful environment, regardless of ancestry, class, disability, ethnicity, income, national origin or religion. Environmental justice includes the equal protection and meaningful involvement of all people with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of waste management laws, regulations, and licensing decisions."

Expanding a landfill situated between two streams that flow into the Penobscot River is not honoring "the right to ... live in and enjoy a clean and healthful environment" of the Penobscot Nation and colonial settlers who live in the area. I did not grow up in Maine. I grew up beside the Tippecanoe River in Indiana which was so polluted we could not eat the fish we caught, not that there were that many to catch given the pollution. So my heart is with the Penobscot Nation and its citizens who cannot safely eat the fish from the river that has been their source of sustenance since time immemorial.

PLEASE do NOT support the proposed expansion. It is long past time to ignore the legitimate concerns of those who are most affected and begin to move in a more responsible direction.

Sincerely,
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