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Good afternoon,

I am writing to you as a resident of Argyle Township, in regards to the proposed expansion of Juniper Ridge Landfill. I am firmly opposed to the expansion of Juniper Ridge.

When my husband and I were looking to buy our first home, we debated which of our home states we would live in: Maine or New York. We both would have found greater economic opportunities in NY, but the natural environment in Maine is ultimately what drew us here. We now live on a wooded lot along the Penobscot's River, and I feel so happy and fortunate to live in such a beautiful place.

Unfortunately, we also live close to Juniper Ridge, where so much out of state waste has been dumped. Many times when coming home from work at night, I've smelled a terrible smell as I approach exit 199. A couple times since I've lived here, there's actually been a fire at the landfill!

Worst of all is where the landfill sits: nestled between two streams that both flow into the Penobscot's River. Our focus should be on the continued restoration of the river, not dumping more trash alongside it. It's not lost on me that Juniper Ridge is a short ways upriver from Indian Island; expanding the landfill would be one more instance of Maine disrespecting and harming the original people of this land.

If there is not enough space at the landfill for local trash, Casella should be responsible for shipping all that Massachusetts waste back where it came from. We never should have allowed other states to use Maine as their dumping ground.

Please do not allow the expansion of this landfill.

Sincerely,
Jaye dos Santos