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DEP Solid Waste Project Manager Karen Knuuti,

Dear Commissioner Loyzim,

I strongly oppose the Public Benefit Determination application for the expansion of Juniper Ridge Landfill. I am a small business owner in Brooksville, ME, and am the daughter of a commercial fisherman. I live at the mouth of the Penobscot River in the Penobscot Bay, and am part of a community that relies on the health of our waters to survive. Juniper Ridge is an unacceptable part of our Penobscot River watershed, and I urge you to issue a negative Public Benefit Determination, pursue an independent environmental review of Casella's landfill practices and the cumulative environmental justice impacts, and focus instead on developing zero-waste solutions that protect our environment and communities.

Thank you so much-

Lydia

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