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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. The application fails to meet the necessary criteria and poses significant risks to our environment and communities.

The expansion contradicts Maine's Solid Waste Management Hierarchy. It does nothing to increase reduction, reuse, or recycling efforts.

Even worse, this proposal is a travesty of environmental racism. It would negatively impact the Penobscot Nation, and their sacred waters.

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.

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