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Dear Ms. Knuuti,

I realize that my comments may exceed the specifics of what DEP is required to consider in this case. Regardless, it does greatly disturb me that Maine has for too long been in the midst of a trash and recycling crisis, and that we have not invested adequate effort into researching and designing a creative, effective long-term solution. Relying on the lowest-hanging fruit (expanding Juniper Ridge) and working to fit this square peg into a round hole is disappointing in light of the bold and ground-breaking steps we as a state have taken on so many other fronts.

Beyond this overall general assessment, it stuns me that we can consider more than doubling the size of this massive and long-problematic dumping ground, while ignoring the many unknowns about the impacts of PFAS and failing to address the expansion under Maine's new environmental justice law. Of course the expansion is *not* environmentally just; this problem has been documented repeatedly in the case of the *existing* landfill. How can *expanding* the landfill while asking Casella to carry out certain actions possibly improve the situation?

Thank you for the opportunity to register my opposition to the proposed Juniper Ridge expansion.

Sincerely,

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