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Comments in Support of Chapter 400 Rule Change

I am Anne D. (Andy) Burt, of Edgecomb, a decades long educator and program director for several nonprofit and environmental organizations concerned about climate change, environmental justice, and energy choices in Maine. I also serve as a member on the Friends (Quakers) Committee on Maine Public Policy that has for decades been concerned about improving state-tribal relations and criminal/ restorative justice.

I write today as a concerned citizen who has followed the hearings around the Juniper Ridge Landfill and its potential deleterious impact on the Penobscot River watershed and her residents, including the sovereign Penobscot Indian Nation and the animal and plant wildlife, who make their home along the river. I support the proposed changes to define Maine-generated waste in order to control the disposal of out-of-state waste in Maine's publicly-owned landfill (Juniper Ridge), and require the consideration of environmental justice and equal protection when expanding or siting waste facilities in Maine.

Thank you for taking my comment. As we are awakening to the injustices we have done to the Earth and to all of her inhabitants, especially our Wabanaki and People of Color neighbors, I hope that the BEP will support these important changes in waste rules and do justice.

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