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Environmental Protection,

Dear Chair Draper and the Board of Environmental Protection,

I am writing to you in support of the proposed rule amendments to Chapter 400: Solid Waste Management Rules.

I have learned that potentially toxic out-of-state waste is being transported into Maine and being dumped into our landfills. This is not acceptable for many reasons! Heavy trucks that haul tons of waste from across our borders ruin our roads, build mountain sized landfills while unknown toxic chemicals impact our environment, our wildlife and our future generations. We need an accurate definition for Maine State Waste as waste originating in Maine, not processed in Maine. We need to add definitions on Environmental Justice and Equal Protections in order to protect Mainers most impacted by waste facilities.

Please change the language in Chapter 400: Maine Solid Waste Management Rules in order to better protect our health and environment, as well as reflect Maine's values. Stop out-of-state waste from being trucked into our state.

We here in Hartland know the importance of not letting outsiders contribute to ruining our water, air and land. We are fighting to keep out- of- "Town" waste from being brought into Hartland just as we are fighting to keep out- of- "State" waste from coming into our state. Please stop letting Maine become a dumping ground for the rest of the country. There is no benefit in letting our state become a waste dump. Maine has always been thought of as pristine but we will lose this reputation if we continue on this path of self-destruction. We have a camp on one of our many lakes and we have had neighbors who come from Connecticut. They have always made the comment that the air is so much fresher up here. Let's not lose that and fill it full of airborne toxins.

Thank you for listening and thank you for your anticipated support of the changes in this language.

Sincerely,
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