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Dear Chair Draper and the Board of Environmental Protection,

My name is Meghann and I am writing to you in support of the proposed amendments to Chapter 400: Solid Waste Management Rules.

I am a sustainability professional that has worked on waste issues over the last 5 years. During this time, I have been lucky enough to visit the wonderful state of Maine and partake in Old Town Maine community events with the local community. During this time I have learned about the struggle of living in close proximity to the Juniper Ridge Landfill. It is time for Maine to demand justice for their residents and avoid dumping waste from out of state. Not only will this protect the air, land, and water for the great state of Maine, but it will encourage states and companies to find responsible alternatives to the massive amounts of waste generated across the Country.

I write to you today to show my support for the community in their fight against the loophole that allows Maine to have become a dumping ground for the region and support their call for a new definition for Maine waste as **waste generated within** the state of Maine.

Across the world and in Maine, waste facilities disproportionately impact indigenous communities, communities of color and low-income communities. We need to add definitions to the DEP rules around environmental justice, in order to protect communities from environmental pollution as well as all people's right to enjoy a healthy environment.

Thank you for your time,

Meghann Cranford