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Environmental Protection,

Dear Chairman Draper and other BEP Members—

I am calling on you to change the language in Chapter 400: Maine Solid Waste Management Rules to prevent out-of-state waste from being dumped in Wabanaki territory.

The closure of this loophole is an absolute necessity. It is not acceptable for out-of-state waste to be trucked in and deposited in Maine's landfills, many of which are situated next to water sources, farming areas, and Indigenous communities.

Beyond supporting these rule amendments, I also call on you to add new definitions regarding Environmental Justice and Equal Protections to help ensure that Maine's most vulnerable communities and fragile ecosystems are no longer disproportionately subject to this atrocious level of disregard.

Closing the loophole and adding in meaningful language to the rules is common sense. Need I remind you that it is also your job.

Thank you for your consideration, Michael Curran

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