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Dear Chair Draper and the Board of Environmental Protection,

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

I have done a significant amount of work with the Post-Landfill Action Network, a national network of college and universities campuses working for a world without waste. They create long-term sustainable solutions to wasteful systems and oppose investment in landfills and incinerators.

I write to you today to show my support for the local 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,

Eric Dale
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