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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 just learned that potentially toxic out-of-state waste is being transported into Maine and being dumped into our landfills. This is disgusting and terrifying. I have always taken pride in Maine's natural world. This is not acceptable for so 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.

I am calling you to 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.

Sincerely,

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