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To the members of the Board of Environmental Protections, Maine DEP:

I regret that I did not have the opportunity to sign my name to the Petition to Modify Chapter 400 Maine Solid Waste Management Rules. Believing it's never too late to correct something, I am writing in support of those changes.

I urge you to protect Maine land and water by keeping out-of-state waste out of our backyards (and landfills). Yes, I admit this is 100% NIMBY-ism, but we're talking about valuable Maine resources.

It's important to me that Maine be able to control out-of-state waste disposal in our landfills, and I believe the Maine DEP must take back rightful control of what kind of waste goes into them. The loophole (the current and unclear definition of waste generated in Maine) that allows out-of-state waste must be eliminated. I'm very concerned that Maine will continue to be the dumping ground for out-of-state waste that other states don't allow in their own landfills.

Also, the changes provide us with an excellent opportunity to provide equal protection -- and justice -- to Mainers in communities impacted directly by Maine's landfill permitting and licensing decisions. Currently, I am specifically referring to the Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town. It's important now, and it will always be important, that people in Maine communities where our waste facilities operate have a voice in deciding if their backyards will be polluted by waste.

Sincerely,
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