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Honorable Board Members,

I am writing in support of the citizen petition submitted on January 13, 2020 to initiate rulemaking to amend the Chapter 400: Maine Solid Waste Management Rules to: "clarify requirements for Public Benefit Determinations relating to approval of waste facilities, by ensuring that the definition of "waste that is generated within the State" accurately describes the sources of waste materials disposed in the State, and by requiring Public Benefit Determinations to include consideration of the impacts on health and welfare, environmental justice and equal protections for communities where waste facilities operate."

I feel the proposed changes will close a loophole in the law that would permit solid waste facilities to import waste and potentially contaminate Maine's environment. As a toxicologist dealing with hazardous waste sites, I am well aware of how expensive cleaning up such sites can be. I want to ensure our state does not in the future have to pay (even partially) for a cleanup of waste generated out of state.

Thank you for your attention to my testimony,

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