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Dear Chair Draper and the Board of Environmental Protection,

My name is Sonya and I am writing to urge you to endorse the proposed amendments to Chapter 400: Solid Waste Management Rules.

I write to you today to show my support for the community of Old Town Maine in their fight against the loophole that allows Maine to be 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.

It is not fair for a small portion of the population to shoulder the burden of the whole region and indeed massive change needs to happen throughout the waste management sector to ensure that waste becomes less toxic and less proliferating. This change is a small step in the overall movement towards a just transition away from waste. I urge you to make the right decision for future generations, local people and environmental health.

Thank you for your time,

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