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Members of the Maine DEP Board of Environmental Protection,

I am in support of the citizen petition 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."

Community members across Maine have tried repeatedly to show that state waste rules are not protective of environmental and human health, curtail the public's participation and the consideration of impacts on affected communities, and have not only allowed, but encouraged a proliferation of out-of-state waste into Maine, resulting in a growing for-profit business using Maine's publicly owned landfills.

We need to save what little space is left in Maine's publicly owned landfills, and do everything we can to correct environmental injustices that we are aware of.

Thank you,

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