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Dear Board of Environmental Protection,

I am a resident of Brunswick and writing to support the proposed amendments to Chapter 400: Maine Solid Waste Management Rules.

My primary concern is that the current definition allows waste from the region outside of the state of Maine to be disposed of in Maine landfills, which may increase the negative impacts on surrounding communities through the pollution of water and air. I support the amendment that accurately defines waste generated within Maine as being originally discarded in the state. Our state should not be a dumping ground for our neighbors. I also support this amendment to the extent that it is easier to regulate the types of waste handled in Maine facilities if that waste is originally discarded within the state.

I also very much support the addition of a clause to ensure the health and welfare of our local communities in the operation of Maine's waste facilities, consistent with principles of environmental justice. I believe that all Maine residents should be protected from environmental hazards regardless of their ancestry, class, disability, ethnicity, income, national origin, or religion.

Thank you for the consideration of these comments and the proposed revisions to Maine's solid waste management rules.

Respectfully,  
Joshua Hester