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Dear Chair Draper and the Board of Environmental Protection,

My name is Rachael and I am writing to you in support of the proposed amendments to Chapter 400: Solid Waste Management Rules.

I am an Environmental Studies student at Oberlin College and a member of the Resource Conservation Team, which works to minimize the waste stream generated by Oberlin College and community. I am also a member of the Post-Landfill Action Network, a national network of college and universities campuses working for a world without waste. We create long term sustainable solutions to wasteful systems and oppose the investment in landfills and incinerators.

Through PLAN I have been introduced to Old Town Maine to learn from the folks who have been struggling to live in the proximity of the Juniper Ridge Landfill. I write to you today to show my support for the community in their fight against the loophole that allows Maine to have become 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.

Thank you for your time,

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