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

I visited the Juniper Ridge Landfill a few summers ago and learned about the Penobscot Nation's fight for their right to clean air and water. I paddled on a boat on the Penobscot River, and I know how precious it is.

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. As we work towards a cleaner future for everyone, we NEED strong rules and regulations so that NO community is left behind to deal with toxic messes, as has been the case for too long.

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,

Shelby Kim