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Dear Chair Draper and the Board of Environmental Protection,

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

In 2017, I participated in a trip with the Post-Landfill Action Network, where I learned firsthand from folks who have been struggling to live in the proximity of the Juniper Ridge Landfill for years. They spoke about their fight for the right to what many take for granted - clean air and water. Those rights and the beautiful land around them has been tarnished by the landfill, and the expansion of which would only impact them further.

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,

Morgan Laner