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To the Maine Board of Environmental Protection,

I strongly support the proposed rule change to the state's definition of "Maine waste" which would change the current definition "Waste that is generated within the state" to "Waste materials for which the original point of discard is located within the state of Maine".

The current definition has allowed years of out-of-state demolition and construction debris to be dumped at the Juniper Ridge landfill severely reducing the capacity that was to be able to handle many, many years of Maine D&CD. It is time for that to change.

Along with the clarification that waste dumped in Maine must have been originally discarded in Maine, the proposed rule change states that it must not harm the health and welfare of communities where it is being dumped or processed; and that the DEP must protect all people in Maine, regardless of class, race, income, religion, ability, or national origin, from any toxins or pollutants coming from the state landfills.

Thank you for the work you do and we put our trust in you to continue to protect Maine and all her people.

Sincerely,

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