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Environmental Protection,

Greetings Chair Draper and the Board of Environmental Protection,

I am writing to you in support of the proposed rule amendments to Chapter 400: Solid Waste Management Rules.

I have known for a long time that toxic out-of-state waste is being transported into Wabanakeag (Maine) and being dumped into landfills designated for in-state use only. This is not acceptable for many reasons. Heavy trucks that haul in tons of waste from out-of-state ruin our roads, build mountain-sized landfills and pollute our Waters with toxic chemicals. Leachate (junk juice) impacts our home and threatens the next seven generations. Wastewater treatment plants are already overwhelmed by the sheer volume of leachate produced, and bringing in out-of-state trash only adds to the burden on old, decrepit, wastewater treatment plants.

We need an accurate definition for Maine State Waste as waste originating in Maine, not processed in Maine. We need to add definitions on Environmental Justice and Equal Protections in order to protect the communities most impacted by waste facilities, which are often placed adjacent to water sources and/or Indigenous communities.

Please change the language in Chapter 400: Maine Solid Waste Management Rules in order to better protect our health and environment, as well as reflect Maine's values. Stop out-of-state waste from being trucked into our state,

Sincerely,

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