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Good morning.

I urge the Board of Environmental Protection to honor the petition to modify Maine's solid waste management rules, in favor of reducing the waste stream and eliminating the burden of processing out-of-state waste in particular.

Maine should not be the dumping ground for the rest of New England. We have a duty to protect our waters, our people, our environment, and we are counting on BEP to do the right thing and alter the pertinent rules.

Let us all take inspiration from the vision of children in the future playing in clean water, fishing and consuming what they catch safely. This is how life should be - can be - in Maine, but it is up to us to make it happen.

Stand firm! and do the right thing in this critically important matter.

With best regards,

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