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Dear Members of the Board of Environmental Protection:

My name is Steve Perry and I work for Sargent Corporation in the town of Stillwater, Maine. Sargent Corp. is a 100% employee owned company and provides construction services in the solid waste industry and employs approximately 300 people in Maine. For over 20 years we have provided construction services for Casella at Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town.

I am submitting these comments in **opposition** to the citizen petition to initiate rulemaking to amend Chapter 400: Maine Solid Waste Management System.

Casella's daily operation and ability to provide competitive fees to Maine's residents would be impacted without the added revenue stream from out-of-state waste. With landfill services representing approximately 15% of our business, the proposals in the citizen petition will have a negative impact on our company.

For example, this petition would eliminate temporary roads onto the Juniper Ridge Landfill due to the loss of fines from ReEnergy, trucks will not be able to drive onto the landfill with OBW, MSW, ash and sludge without additional material having to be purchased and imported for access to the working face. As a result, driving up the disposal cost for all towns and cities with budgets already under pressure from the sudden economical down turn.

I respectfully urge the Board to oppose the citizen petition to amend Chapter 400: Maine Solid Waste Management Rules.

Thank you.

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