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I support amending the DEP regulations to enhance and ensure that communities proximate to DEP permit sites are protected from pollution and to ensure that they can meaningfully participate in the decision-making process. Maine must be in the forefront of ensuring that environmental justice is a reality for our citizens, and not just a platitude.

I also support amending the regulations to clarify the "Maine Waste" is waste generated in Maine and does not include waste generated in another state and merely processed in Maine. Our state cannot and should not be a disposal site for other states that are unwilling to accommodate their own rubbish. Such disposal of out-of-state generated waste is not compatible with protecting Maine's environment. Protecting our environment is critical to protecting public health as well as the state's economy.

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