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Hello,

My name is Daniel Pontoh, I live in Dover New Hampshire and I'm writing to you in support of the proposed amendments to Chapter 400: Solid Waste Management Rules.

2 or 3 years ago I was lucky to have worked for an organization that brought me to an area near the Juniper Ridge Landfill. I was able to enjoy the wilderness there, canoeing down waterways, camping in the woods, appreciating the wildlife all around me, and learning about the community of people who have lived there and fought to maintain the beautiful land there. It would break my heart to see that go away and even more important would threaten the health and livelihood of the inhabitants of the area.

We all have a right to the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness. Closing this loophole that allows Maine to become a dumping ground for the region and ensuring that a new definition for waste in Maine will ensure that the people of that area will still have access to those things.

Thank you for your consideration and I encourage you to do the right thing for people here today and people generations to come.

Best,