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I support the proposed amendment to Chapter 400 changing the definition of Maine-generated waste, restricting it to waste that originates—is disposed of for the first time—in Maine.

It is abhorrent that the State of Maine has allowed this situation to continue for so long, allowing the state to be a dumping ground at the expense of the people who live in the lower Penobscot River valley, including the Penobscot Nation.

Making this change will extend the life of the publicly-owned Juniper Ridge landfill while preventing potentially toxic and uncontrolled substances from being imported into Maine and deposited in Maine's environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

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