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Board of Environmental Protection
C/o Ms. Paula Clark, Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management
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Dear Board of Environmental Protection,

We write to you with concerns about the pending citizen petition to modify sections 1 and 5 of the Chapter 400 Maine Solid Waste Management Rules.

The Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) Committee of the Legislature worked diligently in the 129th Maine Legislature -- over the course of almost 18 months -- to improve Maine's solid waste laws and increase recycling rates. This was good work that pushed stakeholders, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Legislature to balance the needs of our solid waste processing facilities, municipalities, and economy while at the same time increasing recycling rates and goals here in Maine.

LD 401 was not a perfect outcome for any one stakeholder, but it did garner unanimous support of the committee and overwhelming support in the Legislature. It was signed by Governor Mills in March.

The legislation compels ReEnergy Lewiston to make significant investments in its infrastructure in order to increase recycling rates and maximize the beneficial reuse of as much material as possible out of the facility, while at the same time balancing the benefits to our economy and the City of Lewiston.

Our hope is that you will let the good work behind LD 401 make the progress it is intended to. It is predictable, fair, and progressive solid waste policy that

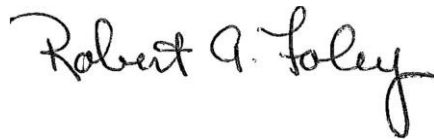
benefits our economy, municipalities, and environment. The pending citizen petition would create only more uncertainty right now, and threaten the good work that has been done by many over the last two years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Nate Libby
State Senator—Senate District, 21 City of Lewiston
Senate Majority Leader

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert A. Foley".

Bob Foley
State Senator—Senate District 34
Ranking Senate Member, Committee on Environment and Natural Resources