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Dear Chair Draper and the Board of Environmental Protection,

My name is Leakana and I am writing to you in support of the proposed amendments to Chapter 400: Solid Waste Management Rules.

I am philanthropic consultant and local organizer in the state of New Hampshire and Maine. I organize specifically for economic, racial, and environmental justice and have been for the past 5 years. Through organizing I have fostered deep relationships with those that fight for the wellbeing of folks who live in proximity of Juniper Ridge Landfill.

I hope my support and hopefully with your support we can show up for the community in their fight against the loophole that allows Maine to have become a dumping ground for the region and support their call for a new definition for Maine waste as waste *generated within* the state of Maine.

Across the world and in Maine, waste facilities disproportionately impact indigenous communities, communities of color and low-income communities. We need to add definitions to the DEP rules around environmental justice, in order to protect communities from environmental pollution as well as all people's right to enjoy a healthy environment.

Thank you for your time,

Leakana Sok