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Greetings,

YES! We want to change the rules to prevent out-of-state generated waste from trashing our homelands.

I am writing to express my opposition to any pollutants that are discharged into the Penobscot River. I am a citizen of Veazie, living downstream of the Juniper Ridge Landfill. This watershed of Maine's largest river should not be a place to dump waste from industry, or "treated" sludge, or town wastewater. Casella's dump should be closed-- enough is enough. Their business plan should include safe treatment of leachate, or, better yet, a safe disposal of in-state trash-- no added out of state transfers- this paradigm of tossing things out with no consequences has to end.

And it can, citizens around here are angry about the pollution of the river, after all of the river restoration efforts to clean this place up. I was one of the volunteers on the River Restoration group. The drought, increased water temperatures in the river, dumping leachate from Juniper Ridge are all stresses on our watershed, our home. There is great political will to reduce our waste through recycling, composting, reuse of materials, less plastic in the waste stream.

Register my opposition to pollution, [vote to end out of state trash to Juniper Ridge.](#)

Thank you,
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