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Testimony of
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In Opposition to
Citizen Petition to Amend Chapter 400 of the Maine Solid Waste Management Rules

Chairman Mark C. Draper and members the Board of Environmental Protection, my name is TJ Troiano, I represent Troiano Waste Services,

Troiano Waste Services is a family owned and operated waste collection and transfer company based in Southern Maine. We offer waste and recycling transportation for many Maine businesses. I am writing in opposition of the Citizen Petition to Amend Chapter 400 for the following unintended consequences that could arise if Chapter 400 is amended the way this petition is seeking.

- 1) Recycling Facilities like Re-Energy rely on out of state material to hit their capacity needs to keep the processes efficient and economic. If their residue is considered out of state waste, they may not be able to continue operating, thus causing waste that in generated in the state to bypass these closed facilities and go directly into landfills without being processed.
- 2) If residue from plants like Re-Energy is not counted towards recycling or cannot go to the landfill, landfills will be forced to use virgin soil for daily cover, thus using a valuable not used material and dumping it directly into a landfill.
- 3) If facilities like Re-Energy close due to this petition we will not have as many trucks exporting waste and other commodities out of the state. Currently many trucks leave the state with waste or other commodities like bark mulch and wood pellets to bring to facilities in MA and bring back material to recycle. This could hurt many transportation businesses as well as are logging industry
- 4) Re-Energy brings many jobs to Maine including the employees at their facility, but also many truck driving jobs as well.
- 5) If Re-Energy closed, we would have to bring demolition jobs that we haul with trailers directly to landfill, currently they go to Re-Energy for processing which reduces that amount of material that is going into landfill.

You may ask why we are not bringing as much material to RE-Energy from Maine Facilities, I would answer that many transfer stations in Maine are pulling out the material that has value to Re-Energy, leaving only a bypass material that does not help Re-Energy at all. In



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other words, material coming out of Troiano Waste's transfer station and many others has no beneficial use to Re-Energy.

Our company believes there will be a better solution someday, but in the meantime, we need an environmentally sound facility to dispose of our customers CDD, MSW and Recycling materials.

In closing I would like to suggest that we put a stake holders' group together to help build a long term plan and solution for our State's and possibly regions waste disposal needs.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions or would like more information please feel free to contact me by e-mail TJ@TroianoWaste.com or phone 207-767-2070.

Sincerely,

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