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Dear Ms. Burke,

We would like to urge the BEP to take stronger action to protect our communities and environment by supporting the CLF's appeal of the Phase 14 expansion of the Crossroads Landfill in Norridgewock.

There are many reasons to deny the expansion but some of the most pressing, we feel, are the continued pollution of the Kennebec River and our environment. Leachate from the landfill goes right into the Kennebec River after going through one of two different waste water treatment plants, one in Madison and the other at Sappi. Neither are equipped to deal properly with the many different chemicals that will be coming out of this new expansion, or in the existing one. Some like PFAS and other "Forever" chemicals are getting into the Kennebec already. Some of the highest readings of PFAS in fish, a known health hazard to people and animals, have reportedly been

found below the Sappi wastewater facility in the area of the Shawmut dam. Adding another 48+ acre expansion to the landfill that will be accepting "special waste" from other states that won't even allow it to be landfilled in the state that it originated in, is an unacceptable practice for the State of Maine. Already we are taking out of state special waste and have been for many years. At one time we were assured there would be no more expansions.

Also for the town of Norridgewock the landfill is too close to our aquifer and, as we all know, liners won't last forever. Also there is not a sufficient method of testing to see when there is a leak if it should occur.

This new, approximately 50 acre landfill, which is not connected to the old landfill, pretty much doubles what we already have in Norridgewock. That is going to leave little incentive for the State or corporations to reduce the amount of garbage that we all generate. Our recycling efforts as a state are very poor and we should not be producing plastics or other trash that is not recyclable. We should be greatly reducing what goes into a landfill.

We feel it is the government's duty to do what is best for the people, not what helps the big businesses. Allowing for this continued use of landfills to solve our waste problems is not the answer.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to help make a difference,

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