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Hello Victoria,

My name is Jess Cooper, I am a young mother, youth climate activist, and a concerned citizen of Maine. I work with the Center for an Ecology-based Economy in Norway.

After reading about the recently proposed special waste landfill in Norridgewock, I am sharing my concerns that **the public comment period on the draft decision needs to be extended to allow adequate participation by people in impacted communities.**

The proposed site is surrounded by bodies of water to all four sides and would also pose serious risks to crucial wetland habitats nearby. When we allow these kinds of licences for landfills, and for them to take on "special waste" we are sending a message that it's okay to be dumping toxic materials into the ground, with high potential to contaminate groundwater and the surrounding habitats.

Who are the folks that will be affected by these decisions? Is their input being considered? Are environmental impact studies being conducted? This kind of licensing and expansion of landfills in Maine send messages to other states that we are willing to take the materials they can't put in the ground, which they are banned from doing for good reason.

I am urging you again to extend the public comment period, as the people of Maine deserve the opportunity to speak up on this serious issue.

Thank you,

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