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A Collaborative Unit of Government Serving

Bar Harbor, Cranberry Isles, Ellsworth, Lamoine, Mount Desert,

Southwest Harbor, Swans Island, Tremont, Trenton, and

Acadia National Park

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July 6, 2023

Honorable Janet T. Mills

Governor of Maine

Office of the Governor

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Augusta, Maine 04333-0001

Dear Governor Mills.

I am writing you in my capacity as the Chair of the Acadia Area League of Towns, A collaborative unit of government consisting ting of nine Hancock County municipalities and Acadia National Park.

As you may be aware, the impending loss of the PERC waste to energy facility in Hampden, the limited lifetimes of landfills, the high costs of recycling, coupled with the possible opening of the Municipal Review Committee facility in Hampden delayed until at least 2025 has placed our communities at risk of not having a viable solid waste disposal option in the very near future.

Solid waste disposal is an issue that is now beyond the capacity to be resolved solely at the local level, therefore we urge that the State of Maine become more active in partnering with organizations such as the Acadia Area League of Towns to craft a viable Statewide program to address this problem before it reaches critical mass.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to working with you as we jointly move towards a sustainable solid waste and recycling future for our state.

Sincerely,

Durlin E. Lunt

Town Manager Town of Mount Desert, Maine

Chair Acadia Area League of Towns