

Testimony of
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The Maine State Chamber of Commerce
In opposition to
L.D. 401, An Act To Preserve State Landfill Capacity and Promote Recycling
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Senator Carson, Representative Tucker and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, my name is Ben Gilman and I represent the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, and statewide business organization made up of both large and small businesses, here to provide you with our testimony in opposition to **L.D. 401, An Act To Preserve State Landfill Capacity and Promote Recycling**.

As currently proposed, LD 401 and the principles set forward therein, would significantly impact the ability of Maine's solid waste industry to accept out-of-state waste for recycling and eliminate recycling credits for CDD residuals (fines) used beneficially at landfills for ADC and/or shaping and grading. The ability to accept out-of-state waste provides these companies with the necessary revenue to be financially viable, which in turn allows them the ability to help maximize Maine's recycling rate and support the state's solid waste goals. Other entities benefit from the continued viability of this industry as well, including local municipalities, transportation sector, and other businesses in the solid waste and forest products sectors.

We understand that it is imperative to plan responsibly for the future of solid waste in Maine, but do not believe LD 401 achieves this outcome on balance. For these reasons, we ask to you vote ought not to pass. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with our testimony. I would be pleased to try and answer any questions you may have. Thank you.