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To: ENR
Subject: Please vote YES on LD 401

Dear Senator Carson, Representative Tucker, and other members of the Environment & Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Heather Whittier. I grew up in the Midcoast, but have also lived in many other parts of the state, and for the past five years have been here in Augusta, living close to the Kennebec, where my paternal grandmother's family is from.

I am writing to express my support for LD 401.

For almost two decades, I have watched "waste management" companies (Casella, in particular) work to degrade the standards under which Maine's waste management systems operate.

I believe the current waste management rules in our state have now gotten to the point at which even the old way (which I remember well, from my childhood, ash raining down on our heads when we played outside on certain days) of towns simply burning their trash, would be preferable to the current system.

Obviously, it is not an either/or situation, with those the only options. Maine can do better than either of those, and this bill goes a long way towards rectifying the situation as it stands.

Many others with greater knowledge of the particulars will be doing their best to educate the committee, today.

Therefore, I will make this short, and simply highlight the part which to me seems most glaringly ridiculous, the practice of allowing profiteers to use Maine as a toxic waste dump for out of state waste. We have enough of our own mess to clean up, here.

I urge you to vote in favor of LD 401, as a whole, and especially to move forward in specifically defining "Maine-generated waste" as solid waste that is discarded for the first time within the physical confines of the State.

Thank you for your time.