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Subject: Testimony on LD 401

I am planning on providing testimony tomorrow at the Public Hearing on LD 401. The following is what I will be testifying.

My name is Debbie Cooper. I am here to testify in support of LD 401. I live in Hartland where we have sludge landfill that is owned and operated by the Town. The landfill in Hartland has been a long standing landfill, originally licensed in 1977. So a portion of our landfill does not even have a liner. Just recently the Town administration decided to take in waste from other Towns. This waste, which includes sludge, has caused horrible odors which diminish the quality of life for all who live near it. We are also accepting Autofluff now, which contains toxins. The CDD that the DEP has allowed to be used for cover creates huge clouds of dust when it is dumped that settle around the neighborhood and cause respiratory issues for the people who live near the landfill. I live right across the street from the landfill and there is a neighborhood just above where I live where houses are as close as 350 feet to the landfill. So it is very important to us that someone is checking to make sure we are not getting any out of State waste and exactly what kinds of wastes are coming to our landfill in order to protect health and the environment. Please support the people who are directly effected by this issue by supporting this bill. By supporting LD 401, you can protect Maine people and perhaps prevent what happened in Hartland from happening in other communities. Thank you very much for listening to my concerns.

Debbie Cooper
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