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Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2019 12:10 PM
To: ENR
Subject: LD 401 Reform Waste Policy in Maine

Dear Environmental and Natural Resource Committee:

I support LD 401 which would request the accurate tracking and record keeping of waste from its generation to final disposal point, including as landfill leachate discharged into Maine waterways. I agree that we should walk back a 2011 state statute that allows out of state waste to be re-classified as in-state waste. It would also walk back the ability for the state to meet recycling goals by counting construction and demolition debris landfill covering and waste biosolids used as agricultural fertilizer.

This is especially significant for the Juniper Ridge Landfill, under Cassella's management, which has allowed this out-of-state waste. Considering the state's goal to reduce the amount of MSW being landfilled in Maine this is not right. We do not want Maine to become the dump for New England.

LD 401 would strengthen protections for the health of those living in close proximity to waste disposal facilities. This is of utmost importance!

Respectfully,

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