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*Testimony of Rep. Ryan Tipping introducing
LD 401, An Act To Preserve State Landfill Capacity and Promote Recycling
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources*

Senator Carson, Representative Tucker and other distinguished members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, I am Ryan Tipping and I represent House District 123, which includes the Town of Orono.

I am pleased to be here today to introduce **LD 401, An Act To Preserve State Landfill Capacity and Promote Recycling.**

We sacrifice the health of our communities and environment when waste is dumped in landfills that are overcapacity. If we do not take measures to enforce capacity standards, discourage the landfilling of recyclable materials and protect the rights of host communities and people in close proximity of waste disposal facilities, we will have to address a capacity crisis that will cost our State and communities greatly.

This bill is a concept draft proposing measures to prevent this from happening. These measures would ensure that there is accurate tracking and record keeping of disposed materials, that the legal protections for neighboring people are upheld and that recyclable materials are not landfilled.

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce this bill, and I am happy to answer any questions from the committee, although there will be others testifying after me who may be better equipped to answer your questions.