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SPEAKING NEITHER FOR NOR AGAINST L.D. 401

**AN ACT TO PRESERVE STATE LANDFILL CAPACITY AND PROMOTE
RECYCLING
SPONSORED BY REP. TIPPING**

**BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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Senator Carson, Representative Tucker, and members of the Committee, I am Paula Clark, Director of the Division of Materials Management of the Department of Environmental Protection, speaking neither for nor against L.D. 401.

This bill is a concept draft that seeks "to ensure accurate tracking of the origin and type of waste materials disposed of in Maine, to discourage landfilling of recyclable materials, to preserve landfill capacity at state-owned facilities for Maine-generated materials, and to ensure the rights of host communities and abutters of waste disposal facilities." The Department fully supports these goals.

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Several of the 9 individual elements of the bill involve topics that were raised in the Department's 2019 *Maine Materials Management Plan* update, and that we hope to address through specific legislative proposals for the Committee's consideration under the umbrella of L.D. 112 sponsored by Rep. Tucker (An Act to Implement Changes to Maine's Solid Waste Laws Pursuant to a Review of the State Waste Management and Recycling Plan). Several other elements of L.D. 401 (e.g. waste tracking) have already been addressed in statute and/or rule.

The Department recommends that the Committee consider the specific elements of LDs 401 and 112 together at a work session, since there does appear to be overlap.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.