



Testimony neither for nor against LD 1782 An Act Regarding Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Planning and the Juniper Ridge Landfill in the City of Old Town

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Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify neither for nor against LD 1782, which proposes that a close look be taken of how we dispose of waste generated in Maine and put in our only state owned landfill.

Landfill space is a precious commodity and this asset is very valuable to the people of this state. We are encouraged that Maine is concerned with that asset and wants to make sure it is utilized the best way possible.

As the summary of LD 1782 states, 159 communities depend on that landfill, however should it fill up and close, many other communities stand to be affected by that closure as it puts more pressure on their disposal plans.

We urge the Committee to weigh all sides of this proposed bill LD 1782 as we are sure you will make the correct decision that will benefit the solid waste community and the people of Maine.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Respectfully submitted
Victor Horton

The Maine Resource Recovery Association (MRRA) is a nonprofit organization committed to supporting professional and sustainable materials management in Maine.

Established in 1984, MRRA serves over 160 municipalities through its work to provide ongoing education on waste regulations, evolving waste streams, and best practices. We also assist 60 transfer stations and recycling centers and help members find markets for recyclable materials, reinforcing Maine's commitment to resource recovery.