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Orono, ME
LD 1349
Monday, April 28th, 2025

To: Representative Michael Tipping, and honorable members of the committee,
From: Edward Nachamie

Re: Testimony in Support of An Act to Require Legislative Approval for a Contract to Operate the Juniper Ridge Landfill

I am a concerned student living in Orono, Maine studying Ecology and Environmental Sciences. I am writing to support the passage of LD 1349. The Juniper Ridge Landfill's expansion poses a significant threat to residents of the Penobscot Nation and the Old Town community. As someone who lives and recreates in Orono and the surrounding area, I am very concerned with the quality of air and water adjoining the property I rent. Concerns over water quality surrounding Juniper Ridge because of PFAS leakage from landfill leachate are mounting. These compounds pose a significant threat to human health and the environment. The legislature should pass LD 1349 in order to create an extra hurdle for this project to be vetted under—because more scrutiny should be applied to the existing treatment processes for leachate occurring at Juniper Ridge to filter out PFAS compounds. This bill will allow community members to voice their concerns and opinions about a contract for operation of the Juniper Ridge Landfill. Please support and pass LD 1349 to protect the health of citizens and the environment surrounding the landfill.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Nachamie