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LD 1782
Monday, April 28th, 2025

To: Representative Jim Dill, and honorable members of the committee,
From: Edward Nachamie

Re: Testimony in Support of An Act Regarding Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Planning and the Juniper Ridge Landfill in the City of Old Town

I am writing to ask you to support this bill so that the state of Maine can better prepare for future waste management operations without harming human or environmental health. The expansion at the Juniper Ridge Landfill is alarming and poses significant risks to the surrounding reservation on Indian Island and the city of Old Town. Fires at Juniper Ridge have harmed public health and its odor has created a public nuisance. Additionally, leakage of PFAS compounds in the landfill leachate threatens aquatic environments and human drinking water supplies in the surrounding area. The health impacts of PFAS compounds are clear and alarming: ranging from increased risk of certain types of cancer to decreased immune system function and endocrine disruption. The threat that these compounds pose to public health and the environment is serious. Their unique ability to repel water, oil, and heat makes them extremely mobile and their unique chemical properties make them persistent in our environment. To better prepare and protect Maine communities, the solid waste disposal planning measures described in LD 1782 should be ratified and investigated. This will help to prevent communities from being unfairly subject to environmental pollution and degradation as a result of the presence of landfills. Please support and ensure that LD 1782 passes.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Nachamie