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LD 2070

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To: Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Re: Please Support LD 2070

Dear ENR Committee Members,

Do you agree that it's never a good idea to throw trash out the window of a car as it drives by a stream, lake, river or wetland?

Is it a good idea to let out of state drivers throw trash in Maine wetlands?

Do you agree it's not a good idea for boaters to throw trash in the water, in a stream, lake, river or wetland?

Is it a good idea to let out of state boaters throw trash in Maine wetlands?

So why would anybody think it's a good idea to expand a trash dump in a wetland?

Many of you may not have been decision makers back when the (eventually failed) plan to save mill jobs was impetus to site the landfill in its currently sensitive watershed area beside a stream that flows into our river. Where forever toxic chemical-containing leachate from the landfill has been dumped.

Saving mill jobs failed. But the landfill grows and grows, not just with Maine trash as intended, but with toxic trash from other states that don't want their own trash in their own wetlands. Its site was a terrible location idea from the get-go, right beside a stream in a sensitive watershed area.

So why allow out of state trash to add yet more pollution to our sensitive wetlands?

Very regretfully, we've all been snookered. Following is the definition of snookered from American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language:

snook·ered, snook·er·ing, snook·ers

1. Slang

- a. To lead (another) into a situation in which all possible choices are undesirable; trap.
- b. To fool; dupe: "Snookered by a lot of malarkey about drilling costs, a Texas jury ... added \$3 billion of punitive damages" (New Republic).

<https://ahdictionary.com/word/search.html?q=snookered>

Please find a way forward that is congruent with best planning practices rather than from being snookered, "backed against a wall". Please choose a better way forward that assures that Maine's sensitive areas are and remain protected for all of ME.

Thank you for your very thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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