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Given the information shared on line LD911 would prevent ships from sending their trash ashore. This would place a hardship on ship operators. There already exists Federal and International laws that prohibit the discharge of plastic wastes into the world's waterways. This bill would not protect our waterways any more than they are protected now.

Would this bill prohibit the ferries that run between Maine and Canada from sending their trash ashore? This sounds like it. What are they to do? LD911 appears to be an ill conceived proposal. I encourage the committee to reconsider this bill. Perhaps instead of prohibiting plastic waste, provide directives as to the manner in which plastic wastes must be disposed of in Maine ports.

As a mariner, I have become accustomed to handling various waste products, from simple cardboard to hazardous chemicals, in a manner directed federal regulations. Numerous shore based businesses have been developed to handle these wastes in ecologically responsible manners. These practices add an additional burden on the companies and the mariners, but we follow those rules to protect the environment and remain in compliance.

Prohibiting ships from disposing of plastic wastes in Maine ports will prevent our waste disposal companies an opportunity to assist the shipping companies at a profit. Please reconsider this ill conceived bill.