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Senator Brenner, Representative Tucker, and members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Troy Couillard and I'm the owner of TRC Trucking. We're a licensed and bonded freight shipping and trucking company from Turner, Maine. We specialize in hauling raw scrap metal to be processed and recycled at Schnitzer Steel. In addition, we have had a partnership with ReSource Lewiston since 2014 to bring construction and demolition debris in for processing and recycling.

I submit this testimony in opposition to LD 1639, An Act To Protect the Health and Welfare of Maine Communities and Reduce Harmful Solid Waste. This legislation is shortsighted and fails to recognize both the economic and environmental impact that would occur if it were to pass. ReSource Lewiston currently recycles about 60% of the products it receives and is on track to hit 72%. If ReSource Lewiston is forced to close, no longer would this important beneficial reuse process take place.

It would directly put the 40 people employed by ReSource Lewiston out of work, not to mention the countless other vendors like myself. These reasons are exactly why the Department of Environmental Protection, ReSource and other stakeholders came to an agreement last year on LD 401.

Personally, I waited until LD 401 was settled to expand and make a \$500,000 investment in my business. I am counting on the business partnership I have with ReSource to remain solvent.

Rewriting the rules in the middle of the game isn't fair and it isn't the way anyone should operate, business or government. I respectfully ask you to oppose LD 1639. Thank you for your consideration.