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# **Testimony in Support of LD 1639, An Act To Protect the Health and Welfare of Maine Communities and Reduce Harmful Solid Waste** Sarah K. Nichols, NRCM Sustainable Maine Director, May 17, 2021

Senator Brenner, Representative Tucker, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, my name is Sarah Nichols, and I am the Sustainable Maine Director for the Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM). I appreciate this opportunity to testify in strong support of LD 1639. The time has come for Maine to stand up for its environment and people and stop being the dumping ground for New England's construction and demolition debris waste.

The primary reason why the State bought the Juniper Ridge Landfill (JRL) in 2004 was to have the legal authority to prevent it from being filled with waste sent to Maine from other states. In the decades leading up to that purchase, other New England states passed strict disposal regulations, and the Supreme Court ruled that states cannot violate the commerce clause by preventing waste from one state from being disposed of in a commercial landfill in another state. Maine had already taken necessary steps to prevent new commercial landfills in 1989; and, by replacing them with publicly owned disposal facilities like JRL, Maine could prevent out-of-state waste from being dumped here. This move was intended to extend the operating lives of Maine's existing landfills and lessen the need and cost to expand or site new landfills in the state. However, JRL has unfortunately become a dumping ground for out-of-state waste because of a loophole in Maine law.

- At least 30% of the waste landfilled at JRL each year is construction and demolition debris (CDD) that originated out-of-state. In 2019, that amounted to 235,396 tons, or the equivalent of sixteen forty-ton tractor trailer trucks dumping waste into JRL every single day of the year.
- The total weight of waste going to JRL has increased by 32% since 2012. The 2017 disposal amounts were 40% higher than the maximum amounts anticipated in 2004 and shows no sign of slowing down without legislative action.
- Between 2011 and 2019, one of Maine's solid waste processing facilities in Lewiston, on average, received 89% of its waste from out of state, while only 11% was in-state waste.<sup>1</sup> The processing being done only prevented 9% of all of the waste, both in-state and out-of-state, from going to a landfill. That means 91% of what the facility takes in ends up in JRL.

The landfill operator, New England Waste Services of Maine (NEWSME), LLC, a subsidiary of Casella Waste Systems, makes money from operating the landfill. They have consistently applied for, and been permitted by the State, to increase tonnage limits and expand the licensed capacity to accommodate a growing volume of waste, much of it from beyond Maine's borders. This is a massive injustice to the people of Maine, particularly for the communities adjacent to the landfill.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See the attached table for the source data.

# The Legal Loophole

Maine law currently allows for <u>out-of-state waste to be classified as in-state waste</u> just by virtue of being delivered to one of Maine's solid waste processing or incineration facilities. These facilities process the waste to reduce the weight and volume of waste needing to be landfilled. Then they send what is left over—or the residuals--to landfills. A few examples of the residual materials are incinerator ash, or a small ancillary part of waste processing—like packaging removed from food waste that has been digested, or "fines," which are a soil-like material made from the processing of construction and demolition debris.

Most waste facilities in Maine process a majority of in-state waste, and the weight of the residuals going to landfill is not much. However, the problem here is that we have a waste processing facility that takes in a majority of out-of-state waste, doesn't reduce the volume of material needing to be landfilled much at all, and then sends a significant amount of "residual material" that actually originated from out of state to JRL—and that is legal to do only through this process of recharacterizing the waste through minor processing. Clearly, this is a loophole that needs to be fixed, making it illegal for out-of-state waste to qualify for in-state landfill disposal in this fashion.

And it gets worse. Each solid waste processing facility in the state that creates residuals needing disposal must recycle no less than 50% of the waste that they process to maintain their facility permit. Maine law currently has a special carve out for one facility, which only must reduce or recycle 15% by 2022, and 25% by 2023, and they have special permission to be granted a waiver if they can't meet these meager goals. This carve out is being given to the one facility that happens to also be sending about 200,000 tons of waste to JRL each year, the vast majority of which is material that originated from out of state. Our law gives them express permission to continue the business of bringing in out-of-state waste to be buried in JRL disguised as in-state waste. That isn't right.

# LD 1639 Closes the Loophole

Maine does not have a legal mechanism to prevent Maine's *commercial* solid waste processing facilities from accepting out-of-state waste, and we recognize that these facilities need to dispose bypass and residue in landfills. However, we believe commercial solid waste facilities should not be permitted to dispose in State-owned landfills like JRL more tons of waste than they take in from true Maine-based sources. A requirement like this would close the loophole and make it impossible to disguise out-of-state waste as in-state waste. We also believe that each of Maine's solid waste processing facilities needs to be fairly held to the same environmental standards.

NRCM believes that the State has failed adequately to protect JRL, an asset for the people of Maine, from being filled with out-of-state waste. This failure has opened the door for businesses that now exploit a loophole in Maine's waste management laws and rules to accept out-of-state waste and accelerate the fill-rate at JRL. This outcome is negatively impacting the health and welfare of the communities adjacent to JRL and is antithetical to the intent of State landfill ownership. We believe it is the State's responsibility to right that wrong by voting in favor of LD 1639. Please see the names of the 1,604 people who have sign a petition in support of LD 1639, attached.

# Summary of ReEnergy Lewiston Solid Waste Inputs & Outputs prepared by Dept. of Environmental Protection January 2021

	INCOMING WASTE		RESIDUES SHIPPED FOR BENEFICIAL USE (tons)		METALS RECOVERED (tons)	RESIDUES SHIPPED TO LANDFILLS (tons)	
Year	Total CDD Received** (tons)	% total by state	CDD wood fuel	CDD wood for raw material subs.		CDD fines/cover chips used for ADC, etc.	CDD disposed in landfill
2011	229,979	CT - <1 NH - 5 MA – 85 RI - <1 ME – 9	18,123	0	2,903	124,042	97,764
2012	222,631	MA – 85 RI - <1 ME – 9 NH - 6	28,492	0	4,784	136,815	63,280
2013	197,803	MA – 85 NH - 2 ME – 12 RI - <1	16,569	0	4,338	137,336	54,545
2014	164,593	MA – 85 NH – 1 ME – 14	10,032	0	4,306	110,437	48,113
2015	181,338	MA – 86 NH – 1 ME – 13	6,109	1,524	5,682	128,299	47,193
2016	190,011	MA – 87 NH - 1 ME – 11	279	8,597	6,915	133,048	50,950
2017	212,234	MA – 77 NH - 14 ME – 9	8,553	1,529	8,620	144,239	61,933
2018	213,734	MA – 76 NH - 14 ME – 9	8,943	394	7,619	138,327	75,793
2019	235,650	MA – 75 NH - 16 ME – 9	7,658	3,966	7,308	136,600	90,023

\*\*Total CDD includes mixed CDD and CDD wood

source: ReEnergy Lewiston annual reports

# MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Dear Maine Lawmaker,

The extensive dumping of toxic out-of-state waste in our State-owned landfills is threatening sites of historical, cultural, and spiritual significance for the Penobscot Nation, neighboring residents, and the Penobscot River and Bay. It must be stopped.

The State purchased Juniper Ridge Landfill (JRL) in Old Town to prevent Maine from becoming a dumping ground for out-ofstate waste, but an astounding 30% of the waste being buried there is in fact from out of state. This is because of a loophole in our laws that classifies waste as "generated within the state" just by virtue of being delivered to one of Maine's waste processing facilities on its way to JRL.

Most of the waste coming into Maine is toxic construction and demolition debris (CDD) from Massachusetts, where disposal of CDD waste has widely been banned from their landfills. Until we strengthen our laws, too, Maine will unjustly continue to be a dumping ground for other states and countries.

Please vote in support of LD 1639 to protect Maine's people, land, air, and water by closing the loophole and stopping the practice of filling our State-owned landfills with toxic out-of-state waste.

#### Ann MacEachern

Acton, Maine Comment: Please stop accepting trash from other states! Massachusetts needs to reduce and recycle their own waste.

#### **Michael Macrum**

Acton, Maine Comment: Pretty sad state of affairs that Maine allows Massachuseets to dump waste here they won't allow dumped inside their own borders.

#### **Ellen Tarbox**

Acton, Maine Comment: We all have to learn to deal with our own waste!

H.D. Ammerman Addison, Maine

Patricia Harris Albany Twp, Maine

**Bonnie Pooley** Albany Twp, Maine

**Paul Forman** Albion, Maine

Hugh Harwell Albion, Maine

Lawrence Kassman Albion, Maine Comment: Thank you.

Hannah Bradish Alfred, Maine

william wood Alna, Maine

Laura Sanborn Alton, Maine Bob Duplessie Andover, Maine

Martha Oleary Andover, Maine *Comment:* Please stop the out of state garbage!

George Bottesch Anson, Maine

Alice Burns Anson, Maine

Jaime Ela Anson, Maine

Robin Frost Anson, Maine

William Fiegener Appleton, Maine

**Deborah Bassett** Arrowsic, Maine

Rosamond McLean Arrowsic, Maine

Julie Pitt

Arundel, Maine

*Comment:* Maine should not be taking other state's trash. My commute regularly follows the smell of this practice, let alone the problem. The state of Maine should not be the solution to other state's trash issues. We have our own issues. We too will run out of space someday and to sell future generations space now is a horrible practice.

#### **Andrew Alborn**

Auburn, Maine Comment: Try listening to the people, lawmakers!

#### **Mark Barnett**

Auburn, Maine

Melissa Bilodeau Auburn, Maine

Annika Black Auburn, Maine

#### **Renee Cote**

Auburn, Maine *Comment:* Unfortunately this practice is all too similar to the proposed destruction of habitat in the western part of our state for the benefit of Massachusetts.

# **Carmen Haggerty**

Auburn, Maine Comment: Keep out of state Waste out of Maine!!

# Janet Laird-Lagassee

Auburn, Maine *Comment:* Maine cannot be made into a mega-dump for the sake of corporate profit.

Katrin Miller

Auburn, Maine

# **Camille Parrish**

#### Auburn, Maine

*Comment:* Maine should be committed to ending dumping of solid waste from other states!!! Why are we allowing JRL cells to be exhausted so quickly thereby requiring a huge landfill expansion because we let this practice continue? Maine landfills should only be us

# **Emily Reese**

Auburn, Maine

Alejandra Rodriguez Auburn, Maine

Bob Sipe Auburn, Maine

# **M** Whittier

Auburn, Maine *Comment:* Make the country properly recycle. Build a recycling plant one that turns plastic into furniture or something!

# **Chrissy Adamowicz**

Augusta, Maine Comment: We should stop out of state waste from coming to Maine. We are not a dumping ground!

**Alex Cloutier** 

Augusta, Maine

# **Teen Ellen Griffin**

Augusta, Maine *Comment:* Please protect Maine!

Leisa Hodgkins Augusta, Maine

Marie Laverdiere Augusta, Maine

Roger Leisner Augusta, Maine

A Delaine Nyr Augusta, Maine

# Lisa Pohlmann

Augusta, Maine

*Comment:* We need to stop allowing Maine to be a dumping ground -- and in places that harm our neighbors like the Penobscot Indian Nation. Pass this bill!

David Redding Augusta, Maine

Adam Turner Augusta, Maine

Gabriel Lindsay Augusta, Maine

# **Robert Tomlins**

Aurora, Maine *Comment:* We have enough of our own waste, we do not need to be adding someone else's waste to it!

# **Grace Bartlett**

Bangor, Maine

# **Alexander Cole**

Bangor, Maine

# Sarah Dennison

Bangor, Maine

*Comment:* I don't want Maine to be the trash dump of the Northeast. Other states should deal with their own waste. It's poisonous and gross and why would we take it? We can make money other ways, we shouldn't take trash money, we should take tourist money, and they don't go hand in hand. If we don't keep Maine clean people won't want to come here. Further, it's incredibly unjust to treat the Penobscot Nation this way, dumping on their ancestral land and poisoning the river just above their reservation so they can't fish and practice their culture. Please close the loophole and only let Maine's trash pile up in Maine, that's plenty enough.

Rachel Dobbs Bangor, Maine Nancy Earle Bangor, Maine

Nathan Faessler Bangor, Maine

Rosalyn Fisher Bangor, Maine *Comment:* Close the loophole. This is not fair.

Marsha Higgins Bangor, Maine

Sandra Joy Bangor, Maine *Comment:* Please stop this madness. It does not make sense to bring out of state trash to Maine to pollute our environment and people who live here.

Rori Knott Bangor, Maine Comment: Please stop this desecration!

**dave luce** Bangor, Maine

Jeff Reynolds Bangor, Maine

Marta Robbins Bangor, Maine

Samantha Schipani Bangor, Maine

Paul Schneider Bangor, Maine

Alyssa Sinclair Bangor, Maine

Neil St. John Bangor, Maine

Kathleen Strout Bangor, Maine

Michelle Allvin Bar Harbor, Maine

Mary Anghinetti Bar Harbor, Maine

**Debi Blank** Bar Harbor, Maine *Comment:* This has happened before and it was nearly a disaster! Please stop this NOW

Robert Breen Bar Harbor, Maine Comment: Rather than use rural states like Maine as a solution for disposing of trash the focus should be on reducing and recycling. There needs to be a greater focus on sustainable living on our fragile planet.

Heidi Burnham Bar Harbor, Maine

Carolyn Chappell Bar Harbor, Maine

Elizabeth Chen Bar Harbor, Maine *Comment:* In addition, international waste should also be banned, like the bales plastic waste from Ireland which were delivered by ship in Searsport and accidentally dumped in the ocean.

**Lori Corbani** Bar Harbor, Maine

John Craigo Bar Harbor, Maine

Mary Dudzik Bar Harbor, Maine

Gary Friedmann Bar Harbor, Maine

Cathy Gage Bar Harbor, Maine

**Tom Goettel** Bar Harbor, Maine

**Bo Greene** Bar Harbor, Maine

**Rennie and David Greenfield** Bar Harbor, Maine

**Rebekah Heikkila** Bar Harbor, Maine

**Lisa Ireland** Bar Harbor, Maine

**Pete Jeffery** Bar Harbor, Maine

Sharon Knopp Bar Harbor, Maine

Neha Kumar Bar Harbor, Maine

**Kate Macko** Bar Harbor, Maine

Susan Murphy Bar Harbor, Maine Kristie Rechholtz

Bar Harbor, Maine

**Emma Stanley** Bar Harbor, Maine

#### Jill Weber

#### Bar Harbor, Maine

*Comment:* This loophole must be closed! I was appalled to learn that 100s of thousands of tons of plastic are boing imported to Maine for incineration, the ash being landfilled at Juniper Ridge, and the leachate dumped into the Penobscot River! There is certainly a better way to handle waste.

**Robin Wright** 

Bar Harbor, Maine

Peter Bastien Bath, Maine

Laurie Beck Bath, Maine

Kristi Belson Bath, Maine

Brian Bennett Bath, Maine

Michael Bennett Bath, Maine

Charlotte Brown Bath, Maine

#### Adair DeLamater

Bath, Maine

*Comment:* This practice makes no sense. Landfill space is limited, and ever effort must be made to encourage recycling. Maine needs to plan for the future of our landfills, some of which will close within a few years. It makes NO SENSE to take up space in our landfill

Alicia Dole Bath, Maine

Padraic Dougherty Bath, Maine

Sandra Garson Bath, Maine

**Carrie Hayes** Bath, Maine

#### Sandy Hempe

#### Bath, Maine

*Comment:* We are having issues with the safe removal of our own wastes and to compound the problem by taking in wastes from others makes absolutely no sense.

**Bill Howell** Bath, Maine

**Donna Inglehart** BATH, Maine

Jenn lverson Bath, Maine

**Ryan Kaake** Bath, Maine

Jason Mosher Bath, Maine

Michael Mowat Bath, Maine

**Elia Nichols** Bath, Maine

Kimberly Nichols Bath, Maine

Christina Otis Bath, Maine

Charles Reece Bath, Maine

James Riley Bath, Maine

Roland Simard Bath, Maine

Elizabeth Vickers Bath, Maine

#### Faith Woodman

Bath. Maine

*Comment:* Besides filling up Maine landfills, this is a racial justice issue: the toxic waste pollutes the waters the Penobscot's rely on for drinking and fishing in violation of their rights.

# Vivienne Lenk

Beaver Cove, Maine

*Comment:* There ought to be cradle-to-grave regulations to prevent anyone (person, corporation, company) from relieving themselves of the burden of toxic waste. People need to start educating themselves about what is being made, how it's being made, what kind of materials are used in the manufacture of it and what kind of materials are left over after manufacture and what happens to those leftovers. We have to start paying attention as this is all part of what contributes to climate events.

Lisa Abbott Belfast, Maine *Comment:* We have to protect my our environment. Why should be the state of Maine take in any other state's garbage?! We have to come up with a better plan to save the Earth!

**Rosemary Baldwin** Belfast, Maine

**Diane Braybrook** Belfast, Maine

**Craig Butler** Belfast, Maine

Jacqueline Cassida Belfast, Maine

**Corliss Davis** Belfast, Maine

Shelby Degraff Belfast, Maine

James Duff Belfast, Maine

**Louisa Dunlap** Belfast, Maine

Paul Finden Belfast, Maine *Comment:* we have one of, if the most beautiful states in the union,let's leave it that way...PLEASE!

Ken Fine Belfast, Maine

**Ginny Ford** Belfast, Maine

**Grant Ford** Belfast, Maine

**David Francis** Belfast, Maine

Heather Frey Belfast, Maine

**DAVID HALLBERT** Belfast, Maine

**Jean Hardy** Belfast, Maine

**conny hatch** Belfast, Maine

Sara Hayes Belfast, Maine **Angela Hill** Belfast, Maine

Mike Hurley Belfast, Maine Comment: please stop the out of state dumping in Maine

Thomas King Belfast, Maine

April Lawrence Belfast, Maine

Sarah Lozanova Belfast, Maine *Comment:* It is important to close this loophole to protect our great state.

Heidi McFadden Belfast, Maine Comment: Keep maine safe and beautiful

pam mckeen Belfast, Maine

Marianne McKinney Belfast, Maine *Comment:* Please do not allow waste from outside of Maine.

Paul Meola Belfast, Maine

William Glenn Montgomery Belfast, Maine

Raymelle Moody Belfast, Maine

Christine Murphy Belfast, Maine

**Debbie Murphy** Belfast, Maine

Diane Oltarzewski Belfast, Maine

Scootch Pankonin Belfast, Maine

Laurie Pendleton Belfast, Maine

Belinda Pendleton Belfast, Maine Comment: Out of state & Out of the country waste has no place in Maine. This is suppose to be vacationland thus we already manage plenty of 'out of state'generated trash. We need updated laws re: waste disposal & recycling. Sandra Piechocki Belfast, Maine

#### Joshua Povec

Belfast, Maine

*Comment:* And stop dumping the out-of-state leachate into the mighty Penobscot River! Water is life! Close the loophole!

Michael Reid Belfast. Maine

Kathryn Robyn Belfast, Maine

Lisa Sadler Belfast, Maine

Melissa Samuels Belfast, Maine

Nick Seeger Belfast, Maine

Karen Sholes Belfast, Maine

**Cyrene Slegona** BELFAST, Maine

karin spitfire

Belfast, Maine *Comment:* Please. stop this, it is polluting the rivers. the waters. the fish.

**Robyn Stanicki** Belfast, Maine

Autumn Stupca Belfast, Maine

Alexander Theriault Belfast, Maine

#### Wendy Trefry

Belfast, Maine *Comment:* Stop taking out of state trash. We have enough of our own!!!!

#### **Rinda Varnum**

Belfast, Maine

*Comment:* Please vote in support of LD 1639 to protect Maine's people, land, air, and water by closing the loophole and stopping the practice of filling our State-owned landfills with toxic out-of-state waste.

Rodney Voisine Md Belfast, Maine

Annette Williams Belfast, Maine Melissa Woodrow Belfast, Maine

#### **Beverly Abbott-Rowe** Belgrade, Maine

Kevin Macdonald Belgrade Lakes, Maine

**Ronald McClure** 

Belgrade Lakes, Maine *Comment:* Stop bringing in trash. The money is not worth one life.

#### **Kathy Hayes**

Belmont, Maine

*Comment:* Stop Filling Maine's Landfills with Out-of-State Waste Please vote to protect Maine's people, land, air, and water by closing the loophole and stopping the practice of filling our State-owned landfills with toxic out-of-state waste.

# **Christine Wentzel**

Benton, Maine

Ellen Brouillet Berwick, Maine

Jenny Kumar

Berwick, Maine Comment: This is disgusting and wrong! They have a huge state! Keep it and put it on your own land!!!

Jim Riley Berwick, Maine

# **Deborah Lewis**

Bethel, Maine Comment: I am horrified. Please do not accept out-of-state waste!

# Seabury Lyon

Bethel, Maine Comment: We cannot afford to increase the garbage loading of our environment and ecology!

#### Sarah Southam

Bethel, Maine

*Comment:* Please stop the dumping of toxic waste in the Juniper Ridge Landfill (and any other Maine landfills). Companies need to be able to dispose/handle the waste they produce in a responsible way and not just dump it in locations that don't have laws in place.

Jan Whitworth Bethel, Maine

Roger Zimmerman Bethel, Maine *Comment:* This, of course, is outrageous. I'd like to know, or have you find out, how this loophole was created. What Maine politicians allowed this, encouraged it, etc. Please respond to this n ote so that I know someone has read this. Thanks.

Meaghan Daly Biddeford, Maine

David Fortier

Biddeford, Maine

*Comment:* Trash and waste should stay local with those who create the waste.

Jeremy Lindemann Biddeford, Maine

Tony Lynch Biddeford, Maine

Pamela Smith Biddeford, Maine

Zsu White Biddeford, Maine

# Leigh Noyes Escobedo

Big Lake Twp, Maine

*Comment:* I am born in Mainespent some childhood there, went to UMO and USM. Go to Big Lake every summer where my grandparents and parents lived. This is horrifying. The clear cutting and mill pollution were enough. Pleas stop it! Thank you! Leigh

#### **Rick Alexander**

Blue Hill, Maine

*Comment:* This situation should have never been started. Please vote to pass a bill to keep out-of-state waste out of Maine.

martin curlik Blue Hill, Maine

semena curlik

Blue Hill, Maine

Nancye Files Blue Hill, Maine

Valencia Libby Blue Hill, Maine

# **Phillip Manion**

Blue Hill, Maine *Comment:* Thank you for your work in keeping out toxic outof-state waste in our State-owned landfills.

Christopher Packard Blue Hill, Maine Matt Shaw Blue Hill, Maine

Gabrielle Wellman Blue Hill, Maine

Sarah Callan Boothbay, Maine

Kathleen Clark Boothbay, Maine Comment: Keep Maine beautiful

Bonnie Ginger Boothbay, Maine

Ronald Ross Boothbay, Maine

**Shri Verrill** Boothbay, Maine

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Jamie White Boothbay, Maine

**Bill Burgess** Boothbay Harbor, Maine *Comment:* This is a no-brainer. Let's make Maine clean again!

# **Dorothy Ferrell**

Boothbay Harbor, Maine Comment: Did not know this was happening but does not seem like a good idea to accept toxic waste from out of state.

Mary Huntington

Boothbay Harbor, Maine

# Barbara Brenneman

Bowdoin, Maine *Comment:* Maine should not have to deal with other states waste, especially toxic waste. Waste that is banned in other states should not have to be dealt with here!

Karla Chase Bowdoin, Maine

# **Jay Jones**

Bowdoin, Maine

*Comment:* Please stopped dumping Massachusetts trash in Maine. No dumping any chemicals or Trash from any states. Lets make Maine a clean State.

# **Priscilla Jones**

Bowdoin, Maine *Comment:* Please stopped dumping Massachusetts trash ðŸ— ' in Maine. No dumping any chemicals or Trash from any states. Lets make Maine a clean State.

#### Linda Lee

#### Bowdoin, Maine

*Comment:* This practice is so wrong! Maine should not be a dumping ground for other States' trash. How can this be allowed? It's time our officials stand up and stop letting foreign countries and other States use Maine to solve their problems. It's time we protect this State, take care of our own problems and prevent this type of thing from happening. Close the loophole; make it illegal;save Maine!

# Jared Libby

Bowdoin, Maine

Elaine Buck Bowdoinham, Maine

Stella Crooker Bowdoinham, Maine

Susan Drucker Bowdoinham, Maine

Ashleigh Feeney Bowdoinham, Maine

Logan Feeney Bowdoinham, Maine

#### **Ricky Laliberte**

Bowdoinham, Maine *Comment:* Stop filling the landfills in maine with out of state waste, including toxins, and trash.

James OHARE Bowdoinham, Maine

Thomas Walling Bowdoinham, Maine

**Robin Climo** Bradley, Maine

Mary Berger Bremen, Maine

Mara Miller Brewer, Maine

# Jonathan Chappell

Bridgton, Maine

*Comment:* Each state should deal with its solid often toxic waste within its own borders. If we can't deal with toxic waste, toxic waste will deal with us and I'm afraid has already to some degree.

# deirdre donahue

Bridgton, Maine Comment: Outrageous! Stop this reprehensible practice!

# Robert Jones

Bridgton, Maine

# Evelyn Lennon

Bridgton, Maine

# Robert Pelletier

Bridgton, Maine

# **Renee Rogers**

Bridgton, Maine Comment: Just because we have land and water doesn't mean we're anyone's dumping ground. GREED KILLS

# **Elizabeth Scott**

Bridgton, Maine Comment: NO OUT OF STATE DUMPING ANYWHERE IN MAINE PLEASE! CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE!

# **Melinda Thomas**

Bridgton, Maine

*Comment:* It is a disgrace that Maine allows out of state dumping. Most countries around the world have stopped accepting other people's toxic waste. So now Maine has become the 'go to' for this? States should be responsible for their own toxic waste.

# Lynne Gilbert

Bristol, Maine

*Comment:* The legal loophole that allows Juniper Ridge to accept out-of-state waste is antithetical to the legislation that allowed the State of Maine to purchase JRL in the first place. Let Massachusetts deal with its own toxic waste. Closing this loophole is a must.

# **Edward Hodgdon**

Bristol, Maine

*Comment:* it's time to define 'trash' in terms of it's TOTAL environmental effects. We have to think about 'where something will end up' when we initially decide to purchase an item!

# Joanna Holland

#### Bristol, Maine

*Comment:* The future of our state, the earth, and the health of our decedents is dependent on reducing waste. We have enough challenges of our own without the unnecessary addition of waste 'from away!'

# David Schylling

Bristol, Maine

Jody Telfair-Richards Bristol, Maine

Mariana Tupper Bristol, Maine **Bill Barton** Brooklin, Maine

Hendrik Gideonse Brooklin, Maine

James Knight Brooklin, Maine

John Macone Brooklin, Maine

**Claire Mortimer** Brooklin, Maine

Katherine Schoettle Brooklin, Maine

Susan Snider Brooklin, Maine

Jane Whitney

Brooklin, Maine *Comment:* Maine is NOT a dumping ground for any state but Maine.

Lance Wyeth Brooklin, Maine

Margaret Goscinski Brooks, Maine

Amy McNeill Brooks, Maine

Anne Ferrara Brooksville, Maine

Jonathan Hall Brooksville, Maine

# Elizabeth Hill

Brooksville, Maine

*Comment:* I've been storing plastic containers in my garage until the Hampden sort sort facility opened, so that it wouldn't go to the JRL. Now I find that it's being filled with stuff from Massachusetts! This also threatens our aquifers. It's important to have laws that protect all of Maine's Natural Resources, and puts decisions in the hands of the voters and their reps.

Robert Knight Brooksville, Maine

Barbara Kourajian Brooksville, Maine

Joseph Egan Brownfield, Maine *Comment:* Please prevent the disposal of out-of-state toxic waste within Maine. **Gail Hart** Brownfield, Maine

**Richard Hesslein** 

Brownfield, Maine

*Comment:* We can not.be the enabler that let's others off the hook for not finding sustainable solutions and instead degrading those around them!

Jaremy Lynch Brownfield, Maine

Kellie Wilcox Brownfield, Maine

Winston Lumpkins Brownville, Maine Comment: Just plain wrong.

Margaret Lumpkins Brownville, Maine

Jeffrey MacDonald Brownville, Maine

# Donna Bann

Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* Maine's environment needs to be protected both for our tourism economy and for the well-being of it's citizens. We don't need to be the dumping ground for other states. Please pass LD1639.

Jean Bass Brunswick, Maine

# Nancy Bliss

Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* There is no question in my mind, we definitely need to close any loopholes in order to prevent further contamination and harm to our environment. Nancy Bliss

**Rebecca Francis** 

Brunswick, Maine

# **Marcia Harrington**

Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* We say that 'Maine is the Way Life Should Be.' That is only true if we preserve our clean waters, airs and land. Please don't let private firms ruin these precious attributes that our state possesses.

# Michael Silvia

Brunswick, Maine Comment: I support LD1639. Close the loophole

# Cade Blackburn

Cape Elizabeth, Maine Comment: Close t

# **Carolyn Bryant**

Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* Maine has enough trash of its own! Close the loophole and stop the dumping of out-or-state waste.

#### **Elizabeth Bullock**

Brunswick, Maine

Bruce Burnham Brunswick, Maine Comment: Disgusting!

Jimmy Courbron Brunswick, Maine

#### Sarah Cucinelli

Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* Ugh! I think people in our own state could work harder to lessen trash and recycle better. Now other states are getting to dump toxic waste here? That's frightening!

**Christopher Dauphin** Brunswick, Maine

**Pete Didisheim** Brunswick, Maine

Susan Digregorio Brunswick, Maine

**Richard Digregorio** Brunswick, Maine

Timea Farkas Brunswick, Maine

# Averil Fessenden

Brunswick, Maine *Comment:* End dumping of toxic out-of-state waste in Juniper Ridge landfill. This is dangerous and thus unfair for people who live close by and for the Penobscot Nation. Vote to support LD 1639.

#### **Neil Gallagher**

Brunswick, Maine Comment: It is a disgrace that this is allowed. Let other states deal with their own waste products.

Sarah Greene Brunswick, Maine

Joanne Hardy Brunswick, Maine

Sarah Harvey Brunswick, Maine

**Rebecca Hedgpeth** Brunswick, Maine

# Lauren Hendrickson

Brunswick, Maine

#### Sandra Hodge

Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* As a State Maine is struggling to manage it's waste in an environmentally sound manner. It does not make sense for Maine to make that struggle much more difficult by accepting out of State garbage. Legislation is necessary to correct this situation.

#### **Baris Izgordu**

Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* Please do not ruin one of the last beauties of our pale blue dot by filling toxic waste, especially from other parts of the world, whether originated from domestic or abroad...

Judi Jones Brunswick, Maine

Ruth Kampen Brunswick, Maine

William King li Brunswick, Maine

Diane Knoop Brunswick, Maine

Priscilla Laskey Brunswick, Maine

Rebecca Low Brunswick, Maine

Robert Marshall Brunswick, Maine

#### William McCullough

Brunswick, Maine *Comment:* The idea of bringing any out of state waste to Maine is just absurd. Maine is not a dumping ground for other states who are too lazy to seek solutions in their own states.

#### Sharon McHold

Brunswick, Maine *Comment:* don't create problems for Maine health for people and wildlife.

John McKee Brunswick, Maine

**Colleen McKenna** Brunswick, Maine

Suzanne McLain Brunswick, Maine Esther Mechler Brunswick, Maine *Comment:* Let's address the issue.

Richard Ness Brunswick, Maine *Comment:* Respecting the environment and Native American values should be part of Maine Values.

Bronda Niese Brunswick, Maine

Kathleen O'Connor Brunswick, Maine

Sonni Peterman Brunswick, Maine

**Elizabeth Pierson** Brunswick, Maine

Alexandra Plante Brunswick, Maine

Anne Rankin Brunswick, Maine *Comment:* This seems like a no-brainer; I cannot fathom why anyone would not support this bill.

Ellen Rice Brunswick, Maine

Louise Rosen Brunswick, Maine

Susan Russell Brunswick, Maine

Sam Saltonstall Brunswick, Maine

**Ronald Savitt** 

Brunswick, Maine

*Comment:* The practice especially the loophole needs to be brought to an end quickly. Greater attention to the drafting of laws and regulations is required with the legislature always asking 'what if?'

Robin Schmidt Brunswick, Maine

Marcia Sewall Brunswick, Maine

Abbie Sewall Brunswick, Maine

Joel Siano Brunswick, Maine Peter Simmons Brunswick, Maine

Christine Simonson Brunswick, Maine

Sebastian Small Brunswick, Maine Comment: We have enough of our own garbage

Naomi Small Brunswick, Maine

Naomi Small Brunswick, Maine

**Gordon Smith** Brunswick, Maine

Craig Snapp Brunswick, Maine

Sue Stableford Brunswick, Maine *Comment:* This needs to be part of our efforts to address climate change. We cannot continue to accept toxic waste from other states and manage our trash and environmental problems.

Emily Swan Brunswick, Maine Comment: This travesty must end!

Mary Turner Brunswick, Maine *Comment:* Please protect our Maine land and waters by prohibiting water from out of state consumers.

Zoe Uhr Brunswick, Maine

Leslie Vrabel Brunswick, Maine

Jeffrey Walker Brunswick, Maine

Susan Weems Brunswick, Maine

Stephen Wood Brunswick, Maine

Linda Woodbury Brunswick, Maine

Emily Ecker Bryant Pond, Maine Comment: This is an outrageous loop hole and must be closed asap. Dianne Jones Buckfield, Maine

**Rosalind Ivens** Bucksport, Maine

Emma Richter Bucksport, Maine

Angela Swainson Bucksport, Maine

David Tracy Bucksport, Maine

Denise Westover Bucksport, Maine Comment: Stop it!

Walker Westover Bucksport, Maine

**Cynthia Lozier** Buxton, Maine

**Crystal Obrien** Buxton, Maine

**Glenn Vaillancourt** Buxton, Maine

Judy Welch Buxton, Maine

Wendy Andresen Camden, Maine

Georganne Bendall Camden, Maine

Elinor Donovan Camden, Maine

**Deborah Endl** Camden, Maine

# **Everett Griffiths**

Camden, Maine *Comment:* If we can't dispose of something in a responsible, sustainable manner, then perhaps we shouldn't be making that thing.

# Ann Harris

Camden, Maine

*Comment:* This is sheer lunacy. Please close this loophole and protect this glorious place we all love so well. The beauty, wholeness, and healthiness of Maine's landscapes are among the state's greatest treasures. Please cherish and protect them so that our children and children's children down through the generations may enjoy them as we do!

# Polly Jones

Camden, Maine

# **Tracy Lord**

Camden, Maine

*Comment:* Who are the legislator's responsible for continuing this institutionalized subjugation of Maine's true natives and the environmental murder of those of us who followed? They must be held accountable if still in 'power' and if not: their names should be made public and those in the legislature now be held to reversing this heinous, and idiotic loophole. I am flabbergasted by the racism, stupidity and greed and ignorance of this practice.

**Danielle Maguire** Camden, Maine

**Eleanor Masin Peters** Camden, Maine

Samantha Mortlock Camden, Maine

# Patricia O'Toole

Camden, Maine

*Comment:* Please put an end to the out-of-state dumping of waste in Maine. Our natural beauty is our crown jewel. We would be shortsighted to sully it in any way. Thanks.

#### BARB OHLAND

Camden, Maine

# **Beedy Parker**

Camden, Maine

*Comment:* Landfills always leak and pollute eventually, We have not yet learned to reduce and regulate our own waste stream, and we should not be facilitating the unsafe burial of out of state waste on Maine's land, and polluting our own waters.

# Jane Powell

Camden, Maine

*Comment:* We are not a dumping ground state. Think of your children's grandchildren! We do not want to leave them a dump. Do the right thing!

# Petra Remsen

Camden, Maine Comment: Keep toxic waste out of Maine!

Michael Remsen Camden, Maine

Sarah Rheault Camden, Maine

**Stephanie Smith** Camden, Maine David Wadstrup Camden, Maine

**Celena Zacchai** Camden, Maine

Patricia Armstrong Cape Elizabeth, Maine *Comment:* It breaks my heart to see this in our beautiful state of Maine where the people take great pride in their state.

Anna Bacon Cape Elizabeth, Maine

Sharon Balzer Cape Elizabeth, Maine

Mark Braun Cape Elizabeth, Maine

Sarah Crawford Cape Elizabeth, Maine

Brian Dietz Cape Elizabeth, Maine

Maria Gallace Cape Elizabeth, Maine

Meredith Hall Cape Elizabeth, Maine

**Roy Herrmann** Cape Elizabeth, Maine *Comment:* Thanks, MA and NH, but you can keep your waste.

Laura Libby Cape Elizabeth, Maine

**Pete Marston** Cape Elizabeth, Maine

Jonathan Mortimer Cape Elizabeth, Maine

June ONeill Cape Elizabeth, Maine

**Tony Owens** Cape Elizabeth, Maine

Patricia Salve Bothel Cape Elizabeth, Maine *Comment:* We are working desperately to lower the amount of waste created within Maine. Please don't allow out-ofstate waste to take it's place.

Julia Bassett Schwerin Cape Elizabeth, Maine

#### **Jeremy Spiegel**

Cape Elizabeth, Maine Comment: Are you kidding me? It's irresponsible to accept out of state trash. Thank you.

Nancy Witwicki Cape Elizabeth, Maine

Elizabeth Topham Cape Neddick, Maine

Elissa Garde/Joia Caratunk, Maine

Marina Melo de Miranda Caribou, Maine

Andrea O'Neill-Knarr Carmel, Maine *Comment:* What a sad situation that we are embracing other states trash...please stop this and give Mainers the dignity they deserve. Thank you.

**bruce albiston** Carrabassett Valley, Maine

Margaret Bishop Carrabassett Valley, Maine

Erin Berube Casco, Maine

Stella Shimko Casco, Maine

Janice Folk Castine, Maine

Robert Morrison Charleston, Maine

Victoria Ziemer Charleston, Maine

Judith Reed Cheksea, Maine

Brenda Corkum Chelsea, Maine

Wayne Kostiw Chelsea, Maine

**Steven Nolin** Chesterville, Maine

Karen-Jo Young Corea, Maine

BRUCE BIERCE Cornish, Maine **Theodore Lakeman** Cumberland, Maine

Linda Draper Cumberland Center, Maine

**Dianna Kilgallen** Cumberland Center, Maine

Maryann Larson Cumberland Center, Maine

Nancy Read Cumberland Center, Maine

Sandra Robinson Cumberland Center, Maine

Robert Timberlake Cumberland Center, Maine *Comment:* Please prevent the dumping of toxic and all out-ofstate waste in Maine. Help preserve our land for future generations!

**Donna Walter** Cumberland Center, Maine *Comment:* Stop out of state hauling of trash into Maine!

Will Bryant Cumberland Center, Maine

Ethan Carr Cumberland Center, Maine

John Riolo Cumberland Center, Maine

Austin Roy Cumberland Center, Maine *Comment:* We don't want someone else's shit in our beautiful state!!

**Elizabeth Berle** Cumberland Foreside, Maine *Comment:* This is horrifying and we need to be smarter about how we handle our resources. Close this loophole!

Sharon Collin Cumberland Foreside, Maine

Stephen Heinz Cumberland Foreside, Maine *Comment:* The last thing Maine needs is more waste. Please plug the loophole that allows other states to dispose of their waste materials in Maine.

Anthony Mattei Cumberland Foreside, Maine

Anthony Mattei Cumberland Foreside, Maine Karin Merchant Cumberland Foreside, Maine

Sarah Nichols Cumberland Foreside, Maine

Melissa E. Gates Cushing, Maine

Stephen Heddericg Cushing, Maine

Geoff Lewis Cushing, Maine

Kristi Niedermann Cushing, Maine

Mikal Crawford Damariscotta, Maine

Meghan Gray Damariscotta, Maine

Kathryn Hyttel Damariscotta, Maine

Lewis Prycl Damariscotta, Maine Comment: Out of state trash should stay out of state!

Sharon Martel Dayton, Maine

ROBIN OCONNOR Dedham, Maine

Jacqueline Davidson Deer Isle, Maine

Julie Eaton Deer Isle, Maine

Judith O'Callaghan Deer Isle, Maine

Joan Sorensen Deer Isle, Maine

Anne Wilson Deer Isle, Maine

Cyn Lokken Denmark, Maine

Bonnie Marsh Denmark, Maine Comment: Stop! the waste!

Tracy sommers Diamond Cove, Maine Jody Richmond Dover Foxcroft, Maine

Susan Stevens Dover Foxcroft, Maine

Steve Eagles Dresden, Maine

Tammy Houdlette Dresden, Maine

**David Hendrix** Durham, Maine

Lois Kilby-Chesley Durham, Maine

# George Samiljan

Durham, Maine

*Comment:* Dealing responsibly with our own trash is hard enough; let's not compound the issues by accepting toxic waste from other states, please!

# **Elizabeth Pingree**

East Machias, Maine *Comment:* Agreements to dump trash in other states, or countries, has to be stopped. We need a safe solution to our trash problem.

# Nick Divirgilio

East Millinocket, Maine *Comment:* The dumping of trash from out of state into Maine should be criminalized.

Kirk Fernald East Millinocket, Maine

Kenneth McNally East Waterboro, Main:

Robert Godfrey Eastport, Maine

Lois Grossman Eastport, Maine

Joshua Parda Eddington, Maine

ian leavesley Eliot, Maine *Comment:* This is unbelievably bad

Anne Bryan Ellsworth, Maine

Martha Dickinson Ellsworth, Maine

# Mary Doherty

Ellsworth, Maine

# Marc Dornheim

Ellsworth, Maine

*Comment:* The people of Maine cannot continue to be burdened with the waste of others. We also need to stop our water from being syphoned away from our ground to hydrate the other 50 states!

Christa Little-Siebold

Ellsworth, Maine

Laura Macdonald Ellsworth, Maine

Susan B. Opdycke Ellsworth, Maine

# **Craig Terrell**

Ellsworth, Maine

*Comment:* Make better use of Plastics that we generate and stop taking in out of State Plastics. Penobscot depend on this as a source of sustenance gathering for fish and wildlife. This problem needs to be solved as a pandemic can so can wastes.

# Mark Whiting

Ellsworth, Maine

*Comment:* We have enough problems handling our own waste and protecting our own state and environment. We do not need to import other people's waste. Stop the madness.

David A. Woolsey Ellsworth, Maine

Ruth Provost Exeter, Maine

Laura Sholtz Exeter, Maine

# Dawn DiBlasi

Fairfield, Maine

*Comment:* I've known about this for years yet wondered how they were getting away with it. I know Casella is an out of state company trucking waste here from MA Why? We do not want trash from other states..stop this!

**Edward Griffith** Fairfield, Maine

**Gale Harvey** Fairfield, Maine

# **Steven Meyerhans**

Fairfield, Maine *Comment:* Every day dozens of trucks with Massachusetts license plates rumble past my house on their way to the Norridgewock landfill, right on the banks of the once pristine Kennebec River. Why are we sacrificing our environment for a few bucks, chopping up our forests for Massachusetts electricity demands, giving away our precious groundwater for bottled water sent out of state?

#### Kait O'Brien

Fairfield, Maine

# Kathryn Raymond

Fairfield, Maine

#### **Pol Wheelock**

#### Fairfield, Maine

*Comment:* Adjacent & nearby states want us to deliver electricity to them from Canada while they deliver thousands of tons of waste to our landfills. This is hardly a fair trade. Maine is not a dumping ground for others, nor is it responsible to furnish the power to them in order to generate more waste. The Maine legislature should stop this madness now by endorsing LD 1639. Please vote in support of LD 1639 to protect Maine's people, land, air, and water by closing the loophole and stopping the practice of filling our State-owned landfills with toxic out-of-state waste. Pol Wheelock Fairfield, Maine

# **Edward Asherman**

Falmouth, Maine

# **Catherine Chamberlain**

Falmouth, Maine

*Comment:* Landfills are called that for a reason. They fill the land with waste. It is far too easy to just throw it away. Where is away?

#### Jennifer Cummings

#### Falmouth, Maine

*Comment:* Please! Don't let other states dump their waste here! Once people have to take care of their own refuse they tend to pay closer attention to how much they actually produce. Maybe everyone should have to keep all their own waste on their own property instead of having it taken out of sight (out of mind).

Jacqueline Curley Falmouth, Maine

**Jill Cyr** Falmouth, Maine

**Ilona Davis** Falmouth, Maine

Aaron Dries Falmouth, Maine

**Frederick Farquhar** Falmouth, Maine *Comment:* The absurdity of the loophole defies logic. We should not be New England's trash can. End out-of-state dumping now and forever.

#### Susan Gilpin

#### Falmouth, Maine

*Comment:* Driving up the Turnpike, I often wonder if the grimy, unidentified trucks barreling ahead of me are headed for the landfill in Old Town. It is time Maine stopped accepting toxic waste from other states. Please vote to stop this practice. It is not worth it. Thank you, again, for protecting our environment.

#### Virginia Hughes

Falmouth, Maine

#### Pat lanni

Falmouth, Maine

*Comment:* Not only should we be encouraging all Maine residents to reduce the amount of wastes we all generate and thus reduce our overall footprint, we should certainly stop accepting waste generated from outside our state and thus, hopefully pressure on all people to strive to decrease their waste generation. Please support the passage of LD 1639. Thank you, Pat Ianni

Karen Jacobsen Falmouth, Maine

Heather Kelly Falmouth, Maine

Peter LaFond Falmouth, Maine

**donna lawlor** Falmouth, Maine

#### **Lesley Macvane**

Falmouth, Maine

*Comment:* Helping our neighbors out should not include helping them get rid of toxic waste that they will not allow in their own State. This has to stop. Now!

Pam Strayer Falmouth, Maine

**Lisa Vicens** Falmouth, Maine

Matthew Whalen Falmouth, Maine

#### **Dianne Wilkins**

Falmouth, Maine

*Comment:* Our groundwater drinking supply, lakes, rivers, the ocean and the air in Maine should be protected by not producing any more landfills. It is obvious that this horrific oversight/loophole needs to be closed ASAP. The state should not allow anyone to profit from taking in and filling up our

landfills with other State's landfill waste. Unfortunately we already have enough of our own waste so additionally, Maine manufactures who produce this product packaging or other waste should be regulated to take complete responsibility for their choice of producing toxic waste/packaging or be required to make 100% biodegradable packaging.

#### Patrick Will

#### Falmouth, Maine

*Comment:* Please close this loophole and stop allowing out of state waste to be dumped in Maine! We have enough of our own to take care of, we don't need any from other states!! Thanks!

John Cote Farmingdale, Maine

Amanda Beane Farmington, Maine

#### **Emery Goff**

Farmington, Maine Comment: We certainly do not need out-of-state trash-we have more than enough of our own!!

#### Wendy Huish

Farmington, Maine *Comment:* Absolutely, dumping of toxic out-of-state waste must be stopped, permanently! This deserves immediate action by our Maine State Government, please.

Lucas Kellett Farmington, Maine

Arleen Masselli Farmington, Maine

Sandra Stanton Farmington, Maine

**Ellen Hopkins** Farmington Falls, Maine

**Fred Jackman** Fayette, Maine

Satya Kaur Khalsa Franklin, Maine *Comment:* Let's take the lead and show the world that there is an alternative to landfills.

Rachel Singh Franklin, Maine

Medea Steinman Franklin, Maine *Comment:* We must strengthen our laws and stop making it possible for other states to sneak their waste in via these loopholes. If a State cannot properly dispose of the waste it produces, we can't let them turn their problems into our problems. Even if we get paid for it. This is not a healthy or ethical way to generate revenue in our beautiful State.

#### **Thomas Carter**

Freedom, Maine Comment: Close the loophole!

Linda Dartt Freedom, Maine

Margaret FitzGerald Freedom, Maine

**leopold laufer** Freedom, Maine

James Szymkowiak

Freedom, Maine

# Rhoda Waller

Freedom, Maine Comment: This situation is completely unacceptable. Please correct the loophole as soon as possible. Thank you.

#### Jennifer Adamo

Freeport, Maine

#### Jesse Adamo

Freeport, Maine

#### Lucy Birkett

Freeport, Maine

*Comment:* The loophole that allowed waste to be imported and dumped, affecting communities, tribal communities, a river, waterways -- should never have happened and needs to be closed. All of us, all states, have a responsibility to reduce waste they/we are creating. We can do it and they can do it. It's about the will. We should not be taking on any other state's problem of deferred responsibility, and/or passing along poisoned, ruined water and soil to future generations.

Carolyn Buehner Freeport, Maine

**Elizabeth Carleton** Freeport, Maine

Matt Cheney Freeport, Maine *Comment:* Please stop polluting our state with out of state trash!

James Chute Freeport, Maine

Susan Finnegan Freeport, Maine

# **Ralph Harding**

Freeport, Maine

Russell Martin Freeport, Maine Comment: Close the loophole

Melissa Mills Freeport, Maine

# **Michael Perry**

Freeport, Maine

*Comment:* Close this dangerous and unhealthy loophole now! This is disgraceful. Why has Janet Mills not been vocal about this? And as usual it is/has been the native people that profit seekers exploit once again. Thank you NRCM for being on top of this!

**Georgana Prudhomme** Freeport, Maine

Simone Rodgers Freeport, Maine *Comment:* Enough

**Stephen Rosenfeld** Freeport, Maine

Kate Rosenfeld Freeport, Maine

N David Semon Freeport, Maine

**Cynthia Steinharter** Freeport, Maine

Randall Thomas Freeport, Maine *Comment:* Stop this!

**Caroline Thorne-Lyman** Freeport, Maine

Katie Toro-Ferrari Freeport, Maine

Winslow S Pillsbury & Leslie Welcome-Pillsbury Freeport, Maine

Lucinda White Freeport, Maine

Mary Zamarripa Freeport, Maine

Susan Alexander Friendship, Maine

**Richard Nelson** Friendship, Maine

# Elizabeth Boepple

Fryeburg, Maine

*Comment:* What's with Massachusetts? First shipping their toxic construction waste to us, then building the NECEC, an extension cord from Hydro Quebec through our northwestern woods to deliver electricity to MA. Time to stop the exploitation of Maine.

Elizabeth Cuprak Gardiner, Maine

Levi Hahn Gardiner, Maine

Jane Mackey Gardiner, Maine

Charil Mairs Gardiner, Maine

Alice Bunn Garland, Maine

Sarah Armstrong Georgetown, Maine *Comment:* Please protect the bit of pristine land we have left in Maine.

Lindsey McMahan Acker Georgetown, Maine

Bronwyn Morissette Georgetown, Maine

Angela Gould Glenburn, Maine

Patricia Lad Glenburn, Maine

Nancy Agan Gorham, Maine *Comment:* Please stop this out of state dumping.

Keith Cook Gorham, Maine *Comment:* Maine is too beautiful to be used as a trash dump. Let's be an example for the best not a shortcoming for the least.

# **Fuller Crowley**

Gorham, Maine

*Comment:* When I moved back to Maine 3 years ago, I still had an image of the state as environmentally responsible, home to independent thinkers, and filled with the fragrant, pine needled forest floors that I remembered from my childhood family vacations. Something awful has happened to this lovely state while I was away, and now I learn about this. The abuse and neglect of Maine's environment has to stop

somewhere! Shame on our legislators for allowing such a thing to happen. There are many other--and healthier--ways to make money. Please add my voice to this important campaign. Thank you.

Karen Curtis Gorham, Maine

Richard Curtis Gorham, Maine

Michael Johnson Gorham, Maine

#### **Robert Marsh**

Gorham, Maine

*Comment:* Why on earth has this even been allowed to have happened up to Now? I can imagine that most people probably say 'This is a made up story everything is recycled in today's day and age.' Stop this now, it never should have ever been allowed to happen up to now. Stop it Now!

#### **Michael Parker**

#### Gorham, Maine

*Comment:* This is an outrageous abuse of State of Maine land, not far removed from the electrical conduit passing through the state for distribution of Green hydropower in Mass of no use to Mainers. Turn the trash trucks back.

#### **Thomas Patterson**

Gorham, Maine

*Comment:* I think it is ludicrous that we allow out of state trash to be dumped in Maine

# Tia Simon

Gorham, Maine

*Comment:* Reduce & recycle can save 50% of all waste produced BEFORE it becomes our problem. Stop making waste and require local management of what is produced

Denise Smith Gorham, Maine

# **Joseph Staples**

# Gorham, Maine

*Comment:* It long past the time when all communities should find sustainable solutions for their own waste. T ax payers and tourists do not spend billions in this state to experience the trash of other New England states, they live and visit Maine to experience abundant wildlife, magical vistas overlooking forested mountains & lakes, and a one of a kind rugged coastline. Please vote in support of LD 1639 and protect Maine's people, land, air, water, and nature-based economy by closing the loophole and stopping the practice of filling our State-owned landfills with toxic out-of-state waste.

Kris Ede Gouldsboro, Maine Stephen Arlaud Gray, Maine

Katie Flavin

Gray, Maine

Laurie Keller Gray, Maine

# Josh Morris

Gray, Maine

*Comment:* Allowing Mass. to use our land for their power and use our land for their garbage? What other abuses of Maine's natural resources aren't common knowledge or are up for sale? No amount of money should allow this to happen.

Anneliese Schultz

Gray, Maine

Lance Vigue Gray, Maine

Heather Winslow Gray, Maine

Susan Allison Greene, Maine

Andre LeBlanc Greene, Maine

John Neal Greene, Maine

Kathleen Bishop Greenville, Maine

Anthony Pike Greenville, Maine *Comment:* This is plain wrong and must be stopped.

Wendy Weiger Greenville Junction, Maine

Michael Hudak Hallowell, Maine

Mary Kane Hallowell, Maine *Comment:* This is a terrible practice that you have the power to stop. Please do it for all current & future Maine people. Thank you, Mary

Kelly Kennedy Yokoyama Hallowell, Maine

Nancy Murray Hallowell, Maine

Tonda K Sherman Hallowell, Maine

# Emmie Theberge Hallowell, Maine

Karen Wing Hallowell, Maine *Comment:* Stop!

#### Jean Adamson

Hampden, Maine

*Comment:* We cannot let Maine become a dumping ground for other states and allow toxins to inequitably affect our tribes and other vulnerable citizens. Please protect our lands and waters from toxic wastes!

#### **Arthur Benson**

#### Hampden, Maine

*Comment:* we have a hard enough time dealing with trash generated in Maine, we do not need any from out of state.

Janelle Jundt

Hampden, Maine

Lindsae Lasko Hampden, Maine

Carrie Levesque Hampden, Maine

#### **Dorothy Lippincott**

#### Hampden, Maine

*Comment:* It's crazy that we haven't closed this loophole in our Maine laws and that we have allowed ourselves to become a toxic dumping ground for the rest of the world. We must wake up and stop needlessly using up space in our landfills for out-of-state waste.

Pamela Tremblay Hampden, Maine

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Susan White Hampden, Maine

Antonio Blasi Hancock, Maine

Irv Robinson Hanover, Maine

David Zachow Harborside, Maine

#### **Liz Cheever**

Harpswell, Maine

*Comment:* As a country we have to become responsible for our own trash. Educate folks, build systems that don't generate garbage. Foreign countries should not take our trash, neither should neighbor states. Hannah Dring Harpswell, Maine

Cheryl Golek Harpswell, Maine

harriette griffin Harpswell, Maine

Paul Kane Harpswell, Maine

**Prescott McCurdy** Harpswell, Maine *Comment:* it's about the money isn't it.

#### **Douglas Nielsen**

Harpswell, Maine *Comment:* Bette this effort should lift up or be paired with the effort to reduce the very waste we don't want in our state.

Robert Porter Harpswell, Maine

Emily Roth Harpswell, Maine

melinda small Harpswell, Maine

#### William Turner

Harrison, Maine Comment: please keep other states demolition waste our of MAINE landfillsl

Lily Turner Harrison, Maine

Joyce Young Harrison, Maine *Comment:* heck no keep your trash.. leave Maine beautiful

#### Vicki Householder

Hartland, Maine *Comment:* This is so wrong dumping garbage so close to people's homes.

#### Kelly McDonough

Hartland, Maine

*Comment:* I live a few miles away from the landfill in Hartland. ME and just learned of this landfill with out if state sludge. I might not have moved here if I had known about it before hand. I would hate to see the beautiful state if Maine contaminated by greed for \$\$.

#### Dan McDonough

Hartland, Maine

Penelope Andrews Hermon, Maine

**Theresa Rankis** Hermon, Maine

**Diane Fitzgerald** Hiram, Maine

Ann Pedreschi Holden, Maine

Nancy Roberts Holden, Maine

Jeffrey Tague Holden, Maine

**Doris Luther** Hollis Center, Maine

# **Richard McGonagle**

Hollis Center, Maine Comment: What?!!! How the hell did this get okayed? Whose pockets got lined for this deal?

# **Cynthia Strout**

Hollis Center, Maine *Comment:* LD 1639 must pass. Obviously, Maine has enough solid waste to deal with and should Never be accepting waste form outside of Maine.

**Eleanor Lacombe** Hope, Maine

Mark Davis Houlton, Maine

Shonna Davis Houlton, Maine

Kathryn Harnish Houlton, Maine

Bruce Watt Hudson, Maine

Janice Strout Hulls Cove, Maine

# **BARRY SMITH**

Island Falls, Maine *Comment:* Surprise me. Do something for our environment. Is this really what we want to leave our children, grandchildren, and forever? This should be so easy. What kind of score are you going to get on your 'test paper'?

#### **Sharen Wilson**

Isle au Haut, Maine *Comment:* We lived Old Town for years, now spend the winter there. I have been shocked about the garbage pile growing...this is not what was promised by the City and state government years ago.

nancy Hoffmann Islesboro, Maine

**Tom Tutor** Islesboro, Maine

Robert Weigelt Jackman, Maine *Comment:* Please put a stop to this outrageous practice.

Janice Anthony Jackson, Maine

**Jayne Costa** Jay, Maine

Andrew Allen Jefferson, Maine

Helena Benton Jefferson, Maine

# Logan Higger

Jefferson, Maine

*Comment:* Residents of Massachsetts must be accountable for execution of the laws they pass without the exploitation of Native people, current Maine inhabitants or the land. Maine is not a dumping ground.

# **Carol Howell**

Jefferson, Maine *Comment:* Trash and recycling issues probably won't ever be resolved until there is both state and local accountability.

Katherine Wilbur Jefferson, Maine

John Burke

Jonesport, Maine *Comment:* Stop importing 'garbage' from other states, to be put in landfills in Maine ! Thank you

# Dona Cuppett

Jonesport, Maine *Comment:* Continue Maine's environmental conscience. Enforce the law's intent. Close this loophole!

#### Lisa Marin

Jonesport, Maine

*Comment:* This dumping is out of control and threatens our entire ecosystem and economy in Maine. We are ruining our State's natural resources for generations to come.

Lisa Noreen

Jonesport, Maine

#### Margaret Bartenhagen

Kennebunk, Maine

*Comment:* This is unacceptable! Maine itself generates TOO MUCH TRASH overall ~ and we most certainly don't need or want additional tons of it from out-of-state. This must stop.

Paul Beach Kennebunk, Maine

Jennifer Braddick Kennebunk, Maine

Tammy C Kennebunk, Maine

Grace Cain Kennebunk, Maine

Catherine Clark Kennebunk, Maine

GORDON COLLINS Kennebunk, Maine

**Christopher Deveau** Kennebunk, Maine

# **Montress Kenniston**

Kennebunk, Maine *Comment:* Please vote yes on LD 1639. I hope this legislation covers all landfills and not just State owned ones.

Erik Pietsch Kennebunk, Maine

Tina Radel Kennebunk, Maine

Mary Smith Kennebunk, Maine

Ruth Stackpole Kennebunk, Maine

# Joan Wuerthner

Kennebunk, Maine Comment: Strengthen our laws! Why are we accepting outof-state trash? I support LD1639, and urge our law makers to act on this. Joan Wuerthner

Bob Wuerthner Kennebunk, Maine

Virginia Almeder Kennebunkport, Maine *Comment:* I support LD1639. Please stop bringing in out-ofstate waste. It is fouling our land.

Jennifer Armstrong Kennebunkport, Maine

#### **Bruce Bartley**

Kennebunkport, Maine Comment: Stop the out of state dumping period.

Harvey Flashen

Kennebunkport, Maine

#### Karen MacGregor

Kennebunkport, Maine *Comment:* Please close this loophole. Mainer's love their state and work hard to keep it clean and safe. There is no way the general population knows this, certainly it's been kept a secret. Stop this now!

**Cooper Nunan** Kennebunkport, Maine

Jennifer Raymond Kennebunkport, Maine

Gail Roller Kennebunkport, Maine

Linda Woodard Kennebunkport, Maine

Susan Davis Kingfield, Maine Comment: End this immediately!

Harold Eames Kingfield, Maine *Comment:* Maine should not allow any out of state trash into our state period!

Todd Towle Kingfield, Maine

**Charles Woodworth** 

Kingfield, Maine

# Shaun Dillon

Kittery, Maine

*Comment:* Dear Maine Lawmaker, The extensive dumping of toxic out-of-state waste in our State-owned landfills is threatening sites of historical, cultural, and spiritual significance for the Penobscot Nation, neighboring residents, and the Penobscot River and Bay.

# **Emily Hennessy**

Kittery, Maine

# John Higgins

Kittery, Maine Comment: I have previously written to my representative and state Senator about this issue and have yet to get any traction. I fully support LD 1639 if that will stop others from polluting our state.

#### Lois Higgins

Kittery, Maine Comment: Stop the loophole that allows Maine to be used as a dumping ground for other states!

#### **Deborah Higgins**

Kittery, Maine

*Comment:* Living in Kittery, we see trucks coming into the State of Maine daily over the Piscataqua River bridge with waste and sludge. Some of the debris, seeping out onto our highways as they travel up the state to the dumping site. Please stop others from polluting our beautiful state!

Mikel Higgins Kittery, Maine

Barbara Murphy Kittery, Maine

**Betty Olivolo** Kittery, Maine

Diane Tobey Kittery, Maine *Comment:* Please don't allow this toxic waste to come into our beautiful state.

Alice White Kittery, Maine

**Cynthia Grimm** Kittery Point, Maine

Lynn Ahlblad Lamoine, Maine

Larry Libby Lamoine, Maine

Amber Brackett Leeds, Maine

Ron Barry Lewiston, Maine

Peggy Beck Lewiston, Maine

Mindy Cote Lewiston, Maine

Anne Hunter Lewiston, Maine

**David Leroy** Lewiston, Maine *Comment:* Maine should NOT accept any waste of any kind from any other state!

Andy McCrum Lewiston, Maine

#### Ivy Moser

Lewiston, Maine *Comment:* Please vote in support of LD 1639--we do not want out of state toxic waste dumped here in Maine!

Helen Price-Wharff Lewiston, Maine

Edward Walworth MD Lewiston, Maine

Shannon White Lewiston, Maine

Michael Cressey Liberty, Maine

Dick Jarrett Limington, Maine

Tammy Genest Lincoln, Maine *Comment:* Stop out of state dumping.

Cathy Moison Lincoln, Maine Comment: each state should take care of their own waste

Jade Armstrong Lincolnville, Maine

Emily Berry Lincolnville, Maine

Judith Cookson Lincolnville, Maine

David Davison Lincolnville, Maine

Kim Dunn Lincolnville, Maine *Comment:* Save our beautiful state. Stop allowing out of state trash to end up here. Please close the loophole that is poisoning Maine!

Ann Frenning Kossuth Lincolnville, Maine

**Stacey Glassman** Lincolnville, Maine

Gary Gulezian Lincolnville, Maine *Comment:* The legislature needs to take action to close the construction waste loophole at JRL. Maine should not be the dumping ground for other states' banned waste. Enact LD 1639.

greta zorn gulezian Lincolnville, Maine *Comment:* Close the loophole which allows TOXIC WASTE and other trash to be dumped in our State of Maine, letting a private company profit by polluting our State. Outrageous. STOP TOXIC WASTE DUMPING NOW.

Jane Hardy Lincolnville, Maine

Susan McGovern Lincolnville, Maine

Maureen OKeefe Lincolnville, Maine

Christopher Osgood Lincolnville, Maine

Tamara Seidman Lincolnville, Maine

# Steven Seidman

Lincolnville, Maine Comment: Stop the dumping from Massachusetts. Close the loophole!

Susan Silverio Lincolnville, Maine

Angie Reed Linneus, Maine

**Robin Reagan** Lisbon, Maine

Gail Farr Lisbon Falls, Maine

**Gifford Jenkins-Davis** Lisbon Falls, Maine

Jay Labbe Lisbon Falls, Maine

Kyle McCaskill Lisbon Falls, Maine

Diane Clay Litchfield, Maine

**Christine Parker** Litchfield, Maine

Thomas van Buren Little Deer Isle, Maine

**Doug Wilson** Little Deer Isle, Maine

Sharri Venno Littleton, Maine

# **Cindy Langewisch**

Livermore Falls, Maine

*Comment:* This is so disturbing and should be stopped. Massachusetts needs to deal with its own waste in MA, not in ME.

# **Bruce Davis**

Lovell, Maine

# **Bruce Taylor**

Lovell, Maine

*Comment:* Maine has more trash that we can efficiently and safely handle. It is dangerous and stupid to take out of state trash.

# Judee Reel

Lubec, Maine

*Comment:* All of this is so unnecessary. We need to get back to making less garbage, to using truly recyclable materials (e.g., glass), and making producers be responsible for the disposal of their materials. And there are good non-toxic building materials. Why aren't we choosing these responsible materials?

June Romeo Lubec, Maine

cherris sincyr Madison, Maine

Cathleen Staehli Madison, Maine

James Cumming Manchester, Maine

Daisy Dore Manchester, Maine

# **Elizabeth Pollock**

Manchester, Maine *Comment:* This is an insult to the integrity of Maine people and land.

# **Christiaan Beeuwkes**

Mercer, Maine

*Comment:* Unfortunately the State with the weakest anti pollution laws becomes the landfill for its neighbors. Do we want Maine to be that State..? There are better ways to earn a living than flooding our beautiful State with potentially toxic from out of State.

# **Rebecca Charles**

# Milbridge, Maine

*Comment:* Let's give Maine a fair chance to handle its own landfill needs. Let the other places handle their own. It's time for Maine to fully embrace self-sufficiency, which includes having boundaries governing what we import here for profit. Keep it local ; keep it sustainable.

#### **Michael MacPherson**

#### Milbridge, Maine

*Comment:* The problem is, someone is profiting from the out of State dumping of toxic waste. This is a country of little or no accountability, where about everyone has their hand in one cookie jar or another.

Pamela Bell

Milford, Maine

Rachel Fowler Milford, Maine

Anthony Guay Milford, Maine

Megan Smith Milford, Maine

Julie Vaillancourt Milford, Maine

Anthony Filauro Millinocket, Maine

roland voisine Millinocket, Maine

Wilbur Nichols Milo, Maine *Comment:* I agree with you 100%.

**Rebecca Stanley** Monmouth, Maine

Grace Vierling Monmouth, Maine

William Berlinghoff Montville, Maine

Samantha Blanchard Morrill, Maine

Sam Gaughan Morrill, Maine Comment: The spill off Sears Island was unacceptable, how many more spills killing maine wildlife and jobs are acceptable? Stop this now.

Katherine Emery Mount Desert, Maine

Dakota Hatton Mount Desert, Maine Comment: This is insane and it needs to stop

Philip Lichtenstein Mount Desert, Maine Comment: Trash is a problem. Manufacturer responsibility is the next wave of recycling.

# Carl Little

Mount Desert, Maine

Cathy Oehmke

Mount Desert, Maine

#### **Caroline Pryor**

Mount Desert, Maine

*Comment:* Dear Maine Lawmakers & Regulatory Officials: Please ensure that Maine's trash-burning incinerators can never import Maine out-of-state municipal sludge. This is now being proposed by Delta Thermo Energy, a dubious company that is the leading bidder proposing to run the closed Fiberight Plant. Delta Thermo has publicly stated to the MRC and others their intention to bring East Coast municipal sludge to Maine. They will seek to revise their permits once they have a contract.

# Evelyn Sargent

Mount Desert, Maine Comment: Dear Maine Lawmaker NO out of state dumping of any waste toxic or otherwise in Maine landfills!!

**Elizabeth Trehu** Mount Vernon, Maine

**Deborah Bastian** New Gloucester, Maine

Anthony Castro New Gloucester, Maine *Comment:* Doing the right thing should be obvious...

Denise D'Amboise New Gloucester, Maine

Phoebe Hardesty New Gloucester, Maine

#### **Mark Norton**

New Gloucester, Maine Comment: Strengthen our regulations to eliminate any possibility of out of state waste being dumped in Maine. Massachusetts needs to deal with their own toxic waste by keeping it there! Itâ€<sup>™</sup>s time for Maine to stop being their doormat!

Lenore Sivulich New Gloucester, Maine

Anne Wilder New Gloucester, Maine *Comment:* This is a terrible loophole, and needs to be addressed! States need to manage their own toxic waste, or stop producing it.

David Bilski New Harbor, Maine

#### Nathaniel Curtis New Harbor, Maine

Michelle Henkin New Harbor, Maine

Jill Linzee New Harbor, Maine

Donald Osier New Harbor, Maine

Linda Shaffer New Harbor, Maine *Comment:* Other states will have no incentive to cut down on their waste if Maine continues to accept it.

John Winchester New Harbor, Maine

# **Anne Winchester**

New Harbor, Maine *Comment:* The thought of Maine being a dump for Mass. trash is infuriating. We do not need their trash problem. Thank you for supporting LD1639.

Stephen Gorr New Portland, Maine

Eileen Almy New Sharon, Maine

Ed Ferreira New Sharon, Maine

# **Henry Washburn**

New Sharon, Maine

*Comment:* This is a common sense solution to an exploitative situation. Maine makes enough garbage, we do not need to import any other state's trash. I live about 10 miles from the CWS landfill in Norridgewock, so this is personal for me and my family.

Karol Clark Newcastle, Maine

Dick Cleveland Newcastle, Maine

**Deborah Schwink** Newcastle, Maine

Joanna Deetjen Newport, Maine

Nancy Babcock Newry, Maine

Iris Roberts Newry, Maine *Comment:* Toxic waste should be rendered inert or neutral by whoever produced it in the first place! We need laws that require THAT first Then, we need laws that impose huge fines on those who produce this waste and do NOT render it benign before disposing it. Then we need a means to enforce these penalties. It is time to clean up the planet, be responsible, and require polluters of any kind to PAY.

# Laurel Dodge

Nobleboro, Maine

# Krista Ethier

Nobleboro, Maine *Comment:* Please vote in support of LD 1639 to protect our state's natural resources and its people!

Joan Gregoire

Nobleboro, Maine Comment: UNACCEPTABLE!!

Carol Knapp Nobleboro, Maine

**Dewey Meteer** Nobleboro, Maine *Comment:* Knock it off, for Pete's sake.

Steve Plumb Nobleboro, Maine

Mary Sheldon Nobleboro, Maine

Helen Balgooyen Norridgewock, Maine

# Marla Bottesch

Norridgewock, Maine

*Comment:* Of course we should not accept out-of-state toxic waste. The reason we're getting it is that they banned it from their states. Toxic material should not cross our borders - we should not burn it, process it in any way and definitely not landfill it, greedy waste-management corporations notwithstandfing.

Evelyn McGraw Norridgewock, Maine

margaret O'Connell Norridgewock, Maine

Harriett Varney Norridgewock, Maine

walt bailey North Anson, Maine

Sylvia Bailey North Anson, Maine Comment: Stop dumping chemical dumping in Maine from out of state Scott Quint North Anson, Maine

CHARLES BYRNE North Berwick, Maine

Deborah Harvey North Berwick, Maine

**Donna Lane** North Berwick, Maine

Benjamin Utter North Berwick, Maine Comment: disgustingly pathetic ??

**Zeb Campbell** North Haven, Maine *Comment:* We need a better solution. Lets find it.

**Denise Masalsky** North Waterboro, Maine

Kathren Wilcox North Waterboro, Maine *Comment:* Please ban the importation of construction and demolition debris into the state of Maine. Thanks!

# Roger Green

North Waterford, Maine Comment: If Mass. doesn't want it why should we?

#### **Suzanne Aubrey**

North Yarmouth, Maine

*Comment:* STOP... just STOP allowing this to happen! Why would this happen in the first place!?!?!?! Close the loophole! I want to keep Maine safe for my grandchildren and the generations to come. I'm doing everything I can to reduce, reuse, recycle and cut down on what goes into the landfill, but it is disheartening to read about the mess coming in from out-of-state! Please do what you can and tell me what I need to do. Suzanne Aubrey North Yarmouth, Maine

Mandy Ball North Yarmouth, Maine

Kathleen Conrad North Yarmouth, Maine

Ann Dillon North Yarmouth, Maine

Amy Eshoo North Yarmouth, Maine

Patricia Fournier North Yarmouth, Maine *Comment:* How can this still be legal? Outrageous! The time to stop is now!

#### Polly Grindle

North Yarmouth, Maine

#### Susanne Lee

North Yarmouth, Maine

*Comment:* This is an unacceptable situation that must be stopped immediately in service of ALL the people of the state. With our strong agriculture, tourism, aquaculture, and quality of life-based economy as well as our 'Vacationland' and 'Maine - The Way Life Should Be' slogans, it should be clear that being a toxic dumping ground is not in the best interests of Maine people. In addition to the major economic, health, and environmental costs for our state, allowing other states to use Maine as their 'hazardous waste dump' is an insult and continues a terrible legacy of disregard for our remote state. Please stop this problem immediately. Thank you, Susanne

#### **Diana Simonds**

North Yarmouth, Maine

#### Judy Gilkes Benson

Northeast Harbor, Maine

*Comment:* Please work to stop using Maine's landfills with out -of-state waste. Maine like all states will have limits to their own landfills. This requires all states to control and address their waste. Thanks

#### **Clark Grew**

Northeast Harbor, Maine

Francis Weld Northeast Harbor, Maine

#### **Judy Berk**

Northport, Maine

*Comment:* There is no reason to allow waste imports into Maine, and there are plenty of reasons not to, for example the recent waste spill at Sears Island. It's time to ban this! Thank you

Leanne Budolfson Northport, Maine

Shelley Fein Northport, Maine

Todd Hall Northport, Maine

**cory Upton-cosulich** Northport, Maine

Jennifer Angelone Norway, Maine

Karen Smith Norway, Maine

#### Patricia Suzanne

Norway, Maine Comment: We're a separate state now from Massachusetts. Let's keep it that way and also support the sovereignty of Maine's First Nations. Thank you

Pat Berger Oakland, Maine

Jo-Anne Bushey Oakland, Maine

Phyllis Capanna Oakland, Maine

Kristin Cleary Ogunquit, Maine

Elana Fortin Ogunquit, Maine

Patti Levenson Ogunquit, Maine

Gail Wyman Ogunquit, Maine Comment: Please keep out of state waste out of Maine

Valerie Center Old orchard beach, Maine Comment: No out of state dumping

#### **Suzanne Farley**

Old Orchard Beach, Maine *Comment:* I can't believe that this is happening in our beautiful state of Maine. It needs to STOP as soon as possible! Just because of a technicality our state has to put up with that trash. Totally unbelievable!!!! Totally disgusting!!!

Kathleen Lee Old Orchard Beach, Maine

Duane Wakefield Old Orchard Beach, Maine

Duanw Wakefield Old Orchard Beach, Maine

Patricia Wright Old Orchard Beach, Maine Comment: This is shocking and unacceptable!

Peter Drewniany Old Town, Maine

Roxane Dubay Old Town, Maine

Maddie Eberly Old Town, Maine Vasia Markides Old Town, Maine

Paula K Pietrowski Old Town, Maine

Sienna Roberge Old Town, Maine

Claire Schaffer Old Town, Maine

James Wilson

Old Town, Maine *Comment:* In Massachusetts 'regional solutions' is code for putting my sh\*t in your backyard.

# Carolyn Bennatti

Orland, Maine *Comment:* Maine should not be a dumping ground for other states. It is time to close the loophole.

Mark Mezger Orland, Maine

carol gorecki Orneville Twp, Maine

john banks orono, Maine

# Joline Blais

Orono, Maine

*Comment:* Please preserve Maine's clean environment resources as they support strong tourism and recreation economies and provide a healthy living environment for citizens. UMaine Orono, our state flagship University where we send our (and many Massachusetts kids) is within walking distance from this facility! Shameful!! Do not compromise our children and future for short terms gains. I see no reason why we nee to dispose of Massachusetts generated wastes-this prevents them from finding closed loop solutions, and pushes waste problems onto future generations. We should also be addressing Maine toxic wastes in the process.

Jennifer Bonnet Orono, Maine

Constance Carter Orono, Maine

Erin Carter Orono, Maine

**Taylor Cray** Orono, Maine

Meredith Diamond Orono, Maine *Comment:* Maine does not deserve to be New England's dumping ground. Please help.

#### **Daniel Dixon**

Orono, Maine Comment: Maine should not be a dumping ground for the rest of New England!

# Stefanie Egenhofer

Orono, Maine *Comment:* Please close that ridiculous loophole. The Juniper Ridge landfill should only be used for 'real' Maine generated waste and not for the profit of a waste processing company that takes out-of-state CDD waste and buries it there.

**Deanna Fahey** Orono, Maine

Emily Hasbrouck Orono, Maine

Leslie Hudson Orono, Maine

**Abigail Jernigan** Orono, Maine

Sandra Lane Johnson Orono, Maine

Jason Langley

Orono, Maine Comment: Close the loophole and stop out of state garbage filling up our landfills!

**Celeste Livengood** Orono, Maine

Sarah Lobe Orono, Maine

**Kathy Moore** Orono, Maine

Susan Pinette Orono, Maine

Katie Quirk Orono, Maine

# **Cheryl Robertson**

Orono, Maine

*Comment:* This is important legislation that will keep our state clean and green! Gov. Mills is promoting Maine's Climate Action plan - excessive waste contributes to GHG emissions - a direct contradiction to goals set by the state and municipalities.

**Gemma Scott** Orono, Maine John Tjepkema Orono, Maine

Gail White Orono, Maine

**Tim Conmee** Orrington, Maine

Kirsten Gagnon Orrington, Maine

judy holder Orrington, Maine *Comment:* Rediculous stop taking out of state trash.

#### Patricia Judd

Orrington, Maine *Comment:* We need to protect our state and its environment from toxic trash from out of state. Please pass this bill!

Thomas Poole Orrington, Maine

Elizabeth Boerstling Orrs Island, Maine

Pat McCoy Otisfield, Maine

Marjorie Maxcy Owls Head, Maine *Comment:* We must protect the environment and ourselves from toxic waste of all kinds.

Alan Philbrook Owls Head, Maine

**Catherinr Syrett** Owls Head, Maine

Kevin Briggs Oxford, Maine

**Barbara Kafka** Parkman, Maine

Ingrid Baily Parsonsfield, Maine

Mary Anne Mitchell Peaks Island, Maine

Judith Nelson Peaks Island, Maine

Ben Harris Pemaquid, Maine *Comment:* Unlike the Mass. drivers who eventually retutn home, this toxic waste will stick around forever. James Sosa Pembroke, Maine

#### **Tom Adamo**

Penobscot, Maine

*Comment:* The ultimate goal to consider is ways of reducing waste in the production of consumer goods. Plastic containers wrapped around a product already wrapped in plastic then boxed with inflated plastic bags or Styrofoam pellets just makes no sense. Once we begin to address the cause the solution presents itself. Biodegradable packing does not create plastic waste.

**Dotty Caldwell** Penobscot, Maine

**Edward Dufresne** Penobscot, Maine

#### Joanna Rysnik

Penobscot, Maine *Comment:* How ridiculous is that, please. Keep Maine clean, stop polluting our land and waters.

Laurie Warren Penobscot, Maine

Chris Lentricchia Phillips, Maine

Debbie McCarthy Phillips, Maine

Leslie Belz Phippsburg, Maine

Jordan Buzzell Phippsburg, Maine

Erin Crosman Phippsburg, Maine

Lindsey Darling-Prager Phippsburg, Maine

Michael Levy Phippsburg, Maine

Darlene Mackinnon Phippsburg, Maine

Laura Perkins Phippsburg, Maine

**STEPHANIE PRUZANSKY** Phippsburg, Maine

Donna Richardson Phippsburg, Maine Laura Sewall Phippsburg, Maine

Sean Vaillancourt Phippsburg, Maine

William White Phippsburg, Maine Comment: Stop this horrible practice!!!

Trudy Ferland Pittsfield, Maine

Jim Rodrigue Pittston, Maine Comment: Close ALL loopholes!

Abby Snow Pittston, Maine

Catherine Swartz Pleasant ridge, Maine

Jennifer Larrabee Plymouth, Maine

Christina Bichrest Poland, Maine

Ann Gagne Poland, Maine

Amanda Robbins-rowe Poland, Maine Comment: Stop trashing our state!

Mark Ustach Poland, Maine

William Clarke Port Clyde, Maine

Warren Austerer Portland, Maine

Louise Backer Portland, Maine

prudence barry
Portland, Maine
Comment: Legislation to forbid that, as well as a serious
education thrust towards decreasing the sources everywhere
of disposable waste is essential to saving the planet!

Joanne Bartlett Portland, Maine

Catherine Berce Portland, Maine Comment: Protect our beautiful state! **Stephen Blanchard** Portland, Maine

Mirella Boggio-Roberts Portland, Maine

**Robert Bond** Portland, Maine

Pamela Cantlin Portland, Maine

Seana Cullinan Portland, Maine

Athena Davis Portland, Maine

**Deb Denbow** Portland, Maine

Jacqui Deveneau Portland, Maine

Karri Diomede Portland, Maine

**Veronica Dudar** Portland, Maine

Peter Dugas Portland, Maine

**C Eaton** Portland, Maine

Michael Edwards Portland, Maine *Comment:* Stop using our home state as a toilet. Have you no decency?

Jess Falero Portland, Maine

Becca Ferguson Portland, Maine

Paul Gagne Portland, Maine *Comment:* This is one of the most basic tenets of being a good neighbor. We cannot dump our garbage on a neighbor's property. So why does this perilous and threatening loophole exist? It must be stopped immediately!

Francesca Galluccio-Steele Portland, Maine

William Garcelon Portland, Maine Gus Goodwin Portland, Maine

Kara Grant Portland, Maine

Thomas Halstead Portland, Maine

Jennifer Heald Portland, Maine

Mariah Healy Portland, Maine

Joe Hemes Portland, Maine

Angela Henry Portland, Maine

Brenda Howe Portland, Maine

Elizabeth Huntley Portland, Maine Comment: Why would anyone want our beautiful state to be a dump? Just stop!!!

Kristin Jackson Portland, Maine

Peter Jacobson Portland, Maine

Sheila Jarnes Portland, Maine

Freddy Kaye Portland, Maine

Gina Kenny Portland, Maine

Barbara Keppel Portland, Maine

Mary Lacmbe Portland, Maine

Alan Liska Portland, Maine

Christine Lomaka Portland, Maine

**Devin Luther** Portland, Maine

Jennifer MacKenzie Portland, Maine Joseph Madjerac Portland, Maine

Anu Makynen Portland, Maine

Berry Manter Portland, Maine

Maeve McInnis Portland, Maine

**ERIC MEADER** Portland, Maine

**Don Miller** Portland, Maine *Comment:* This has to stop!

Danny Mitchell Portland, Maine

Jennifer O'Connell Portland, Maine

Megan Osgood Portland, Maine

# Susan Pastore

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Years ago Maine Peoples' Alliance brought this issue to the people and to the legislatures' attention. Now, here we are, once again having to beg the Maine State Legislatures to do their job: to protect our lands, our waters, and our people. I am now writ

Karen Perry Portland, Maine

**Eileen Purdy** Portland, Maine

Davian Rawls Portland, Maine

**LEE REEVE** Portland, Maine

Margaret Rodriguez Portland, Maine

#### MIKE ROYLOS

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Quick question- Who was responsible for getting this loophole placed in the law in the first place? Maybe they have an explanation for opening up our environment to exploitation. PPH- next story???

Rachael Ryan Portland, Maine Eve Sawyer Portland, Maine

William Sedlack Portland, Maine

**Stacey Sevelowitz** Portland, Maine

Ronald Shapiro Portland, Maine

Pamela Shaw Portland, Maine

Ezra Silk Portland, Maine

Kathleen Spahn Portland, Maine

# **Elizabeth Streeter**

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* The toxic waste we produce in Maine is bad enough. If each state is made to take care of it's own waste perhaps we can stop its production. So now Mass sends it's toxic waste to us because their laws prohibit it in their state. If we won't take it, the

Lauren Strohmeier Portland, Maine

Susan Swain Portland, Maine *Comment:* Close the loophill and protect Maine's ground water and rivers.

Nicholas Toole Portland, Maine

**Colleen Topper** Portland, Maine

Sally Trice Portland, Maine

Kenny Volock Portland, Maine

Kyle Walton Portland, Maine

#### William Weber

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* Maine shouldn't allow out-of-state waste haulers a cheap opportunity to dispose of their waste. We will only reduce our waste stream by making it less profitable. Will these out-of-state firms be around if we need to clean up these sites in the future? BAN Out-of-State waste dumping!

**Bob and Linda Webster** Portland, Maine

Matthew Wellington Portland, Maine

Brett Willis Portland, Maine

**Polly Wilson** Portland, Maine

William Wilson Portland, Maine

# Walter Woitasek

Portland, Maine

*Comment:* This dumping of out-of-state waste is a blight on the landscape of Maine and an insult to the Penobscot Nation. I support bill #LD1639 which would protect the residents of the Old Town area and the residents of Indian Island.

Peggy York Portland, Maine

Ron Letourneau Pownal, Maine

**Ginny Remeika** Pownal, Maine

Liz Lauer Prentiss, Maine

Sarah LeClaire Presque Isle, Maine

Gary Vencill Prospect, Maine

#### **Marlene Miller**

Prospect Harbor, Maine

*Comment:* What a mess! We should all be attempting to create less waste and recycle more. Planned obsolescence is part of the larger issue. Items which should be repaired and reused are often not repairable. Which is criminal actually. (A newer refrigerator with a tiny buried chip which could not be replaced is an example from my home.) Another issue is why everything needs to be packaged in materials which never break down - ie shiny mylar type packaging. Thanks for listening! and trying to change the easy dumping practices which out of state companies are taking advantage of.

# Donna Wenckus

Randolph, Maine

*Comment:* every state should be taking care of their own trash..if they have too much they need to implement changes to the problem. we have our own worries, here!

Susan Borko Rangeley, Maine

# Herbert French

Rangeley, Maine *Comment:* Wait a minute. Massachusetts banned it and Maine allows it. Something is wrong.

Donald Nuttall Rangeley, Maine

#### Robert & Janet WELCH

Rangeley, Maine Comment: This must stop.

Beth Blood

Raymond, Maine *Comment:* Get a conscience please.

# Mike D'Arcangelo

Raymond, Maine *Comment:* In a better world all manufactured product will by law be recycled.

Bradford Hanson Raymond, Maine

**Corey Matheson** Raymond, Maine

Ashley Pomelow Raymond, Maine

**Stephanie Donaldson** Readfield, Maine

Krysta West Readfield, Maine

Darcy Whittemore Readfield, Maine

Laurie Carver Richmond, Maine Comment: This is terrible! Why would we allow this?

Beth Comeau Richmond, Maine

Pete Dorey Richmond, Maine *Comment:* Keep out of state waste out of our landfills.

Jonica Garland Richmond, Maine

Jaye Gilmore Richmond, Maine

Julie Plummer Richmond, Maine

# Jennifer Small

Richmond, Maine

Barbara Vickery Richmond, Maine

Elizabeth Jackson Robbinston, Maine

Paula Coil Rockland, Maine

#### **Nancy Galland**

#### Rockland, Maine

*Comment:* This is colonialism and environmental racism, all in one messy package. The State has an obligation to the citizenry of Maine to keep toxics out of our waters, our land, and our air: the basics that keep us alive! We all live downstream...even the lawmakers who should care enough to change the language of this outdated, dangerous law. Do the right thing, please!

Lane Gower

Rockland, Maine

#### **David Paffhausen**

Rockland, Maine

#### Linda Rice

#### Rockland, Maine

*Comment:* Solid and liquid wastes have been a challenging and sometimes dangerous problem in this country. Promoting and even mandating recycling and restricting the use of toxic substances in manufacturing would help. Maine has made an effort but all of us could do more. Start by preventing waste from other states being transported into our beautiful state.

MIKE SHUNNEY Rockland, Maine

Rachael Turcotte Rockland, Maine

Susan Wind Rockland, Maine

Austin Gallant Rockport, Maine

Harrah Lord Rockport, Maine

Courtney Norman Rockport, Maine

John Power Rockport, Maine John Priestley Rockport, Maine

Martha White Rockport, Maine

Johnny Sanchez Rockwood, Maine

#### Sandra Scholar

Rockwood, Maine

*Comment:* Other states need to take care of their trash responsibly, not dump it on Maine for us to have to deal with. It may be 'out of sight, out of mind' for them, but it poisons our land, air, and water. We need to close this loop hole!

John Brower

Rome, Maine

Karen Burnett Roque Bluffs, Maine Comment: Enough of other state trash!

**Richard Francis** Round Pond, Maine

**janet John** Round Pond, Maine

Denise Benedict Saco, Maine

Hayward Breslin Saco, Maine

Mary Finn Saco, Maine

## ann fisher

Saco, Maine

*Comment:* Out-of-state dumping at Juniper Ridge Landfill is detrimental to Maine's environment and needs to stop. We need to close the loophole in the law and ban trash from other states from being dumped.

## Jennifer Genest

Saco, Maine

## Sonja Gerken

Saco, Maine

*Comment:* Please close the LoopHole that allows out of state waste to be dump in Maine. THank you, Sonja Gerken

Andrew Goldberg Saco, Maine

Annie Levine Saco, Maine

Michael Mooney Saint Albans, Maine Danielle Stanley Saint Albans, Maine

#### **Clifford Babkirk**

#### Sanford, Maine

*Comment:* I think it is wrong to accept 'toxic waste' much less any waste from out of state waste management groups into Maine landfills. I especially believe it is detrimental and threatening to the surrounding areas occupied by the Penobscot Nations and neighboring residents not to mention the Penobscot Bay and River areas. The Maine legislature should vote to stop this practice.

Royce Rankin Sanford, Maine

Angela Vulner Sanford, Maine

Meredith Perkins Sangerville, Maine Comment: This is a priority!

Tracey Allen Scarborough, Maine

Paula Atkinson Scarborough, Maine

Susan Babb Scarborough, Maine

**Rita Breton** Scarborough, Maine

Julie Carter Scarborough, Maine

Lorraine DeFreitas Scarborough, Maine

**Debbie Dembski** Scarborough, Maine *Comment:* SHOCKED to hear that so much waste from MA is filling Maine landfills!! This must stop!

Terri Eddy Scarborough, Maine

Brian Englishman Scarborough, Maine

Mark Follansbee Scarborough, Maine *Comment:* I lived in NE Pennsylvania and saw the damage that out-of-state trash does to the roads and communities. From trash blowing out of trucks to damage to local surface streets, this is a bad deal for Maine.

## Donna Gordon

Scarborough, Maine

*Comment:* If we take good care of the/our planet, the/our planet will take good care of us. Garbage in, garbage back.....quality care in, abundance back!

Steven Hill Scarborough, Maine

Marc Lausier Scarborough, Maine

Pearl Mahany

Scarborough, Maine *Comment:* We have enough already. Develop program to make trash to energy in their own area.

## Henry Manseau

Scarborough, Maine

*Comment:* Please vote in support of LD 1639 to protect Maine's people, land, air, and water by closing the loophole and stopping the practice of filling our State-owned landfills with toxic out-of-state waste.

## Jane Palmer

Scarborough, Maine Comment: For the health and well being of people here n Maine, we MUST NOT ALLOW the continuation of dumping out of state waste here in Maine!

Mark Pokras Scarborough, Maine

Thomas Ryan Scarborough, Maine

Sylvan Thorncraft Scarborough, Maine

Bethany Whittemore Scarborough, Maine

Emily Beck Seal Cove, Maine

Sheila Eddison Seal Cove, Maine

Sarah Currie-Halpern Seal Harbor, Maine

Sydney Roberts Rockefeller Seal Harbor, Maine

Frank Schwartz Seal Harbor, Maine

Liv Detrick Searsmont, Maine Ken Lawton Searsmont, Maine

# William Leavenworth

## Searsmont. Maine

*Comment:* Impound the vehicles of folks who dump out-ofstate waste. We're not talking about a bottle brought in from another New England state; we're talking about trash cans full of imported waste.

**Stephen Porter** Searsmont, Maine

Mary Anne Riley Searsmont, Maine

Jonathan Robbins Searsmont, Maine

Jean Wakem Searsmont, Maine *Comment:* Come on folks! This should be an easy fix!

Porsche Baril Searsport, Maine

Joanne Cyr Searsport, Maine

Alfred McMonagle Searsport, Maine

John Pangiochi Searsport, Maine

Dennis Pike Searsport, Maine

## **Phyllis Sommer**

Searsport, Maine

*Comment:* Please close the loophole that allows toxic out of state waste to be dumped in the Old Town landfill. Many other countries don't accept waste from the USA anymore and Maine cannot afford to turn a blind eye to anything that contaminates our pristine environment further. If this were being dumped around the lobstering grounds, there would be an immediate halt. But to think this is endangering the Penobscot Nation and environs without rapid intervention does not speak highly about how we value human and ecological health. Thank you.

**Olivia Talgo** Searsport, Maine

## Janet Williams

Searsport, Maine *Comment:* Maine has enough trash of its own without allowing other states to dump their trash here, too.

## **Cathleen Griffin**

Sebago, Maine

*Comment:* This must stop. Dumping is NOT the answer. And especially dumping where it becomes someone else's responsibility.

#### Kristina Zuidema

Sebago, Maine

#### Jayne Lello

Sebec, Maine

*Comment:* It is imperative that Maine NOT be the dumping ground for industrial and urban centers. Maine's strength and economic future is in our fresh water, coastal fishery, wild areas and hard working, inventive population. We should not be selling our resource

elaine hewes Sedgwick, Maine

Val Marquez Shapleigh, Maine

HERB FITHIAN Sherman, Maine

Jayne Folger Sidney, Maine

Sandra Neptune Sidney, Maine

**Tom Vigue** Sidney, Maine

Susan Cochran Skowhegan, Maine

**Robert and Donna Conkling** Skowhegan, Maine

## Lee Couturier

Skowhegan, Maine

*Comment:* It's bad enough that we don't recycle as we should in this state, but why do we take garbage from other states. Old Town and Norridgewock should never be allowed to take garbage from other states, some of it toxic.

Patrick Flynn

Skowhegan, Maine

Roger Renfrew Skowhegan, Maine

## Jan Stringos

Skowhegan, Maine

*Comment:* Is our state of Maine being held hostage, using out of state toxic waste for a revenue source? We've been through this before. Who let this loophole happen, on who's

watch, and who are the individuals benefiting financially from this loophole. And how long has this been going on?

#### Patricia Van Horne Skowhegan, Maine

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**Dwight Violette** Skowhegan, Maine

James Battesby Solon, Maine *Comment:* Anyone who is for this use of Maine lands also lacks any self respect of themselves.

## Frank Ridley Solon, Maine

*Comment:* How can this not be a good idea?

## **Christopher Johnson**

Somerville, Maine

*Comment:* Maine is known for its pristine nature, clean water, safe environment, and natural spaces. Being the dumping ground for everyone else's waste, whatever it may be, not consistent with that. Let's not be the place everyone else's toxins and garbage goes merely because our land isn't as expensive as other states' nice tidy communities. Make other states come to grips with their own waste stream and wasteful practices. IT IS TIME TO STRENGTHEN OUR LAWS!

Diane Dahmen

Sorrento, Maine

Andrew Banks South Berwick, Maine

**Lydia Higgins** South Berwick, Maine

I mel South Berwick, Maine

Emily MacKenzie South Bristol, Maine

Robert Bennett South China, Maine

## Susan Cottle

South China, Maine

*Comment:* The days of being able to move trash into someone else's backyard, watershed, or any other place need to end. We all need to take responsibility for what we produce and for how we ensure it is properly taken care of so it doesn't hurt us or those who follow us.

## Maria Cruz

South China, Maine Comment: I had no idea that regular waste and toxic waste was being brought into Maine from other states. This is an outrage and must stop! Please vote to pass LD 1639 to stop this horrible practice.

Brian Gallant South China, Maine

Virginia Pelletier South China, Maine

## **Jayne Winters**

South China, Maine

*Comment:* Maine is said to be, 'The way life should be.' It's recognized for its natural resources - clean air, clear water, expansive forests, wildlife and more. There is no reason, not even the almighty dollar, for us to import toxic out-of-state waste. Massachusetts apparently had the wisdom to ban these materials from their landfills. Maine needs to wake up and follow suit.

Jon Edwards South Freeport, Maine

Nancy Fox South Freeport, Maine

Katherine Branch South Paris, Maine

James Kennedy South Paris, Maine

Kerry Read South Paris, Maine

Artemis Boynton South Portland, Maine

Kelly Corbin South Portland, Maine

Robin Elliott South Portland, Maine

Katelin Erskine South Portland, Maine

**Carolyn Foley** South Portland, Maine

**Craig Frey** South Portland, Maine

Maryann Glidden South Portland, Maine

Jennifer Goldman South Portland, Maine

Angela Haskell South Portland, Maine Julie Hopkins South Portland, Maine

Nancy Hubley South Portland, Maine

Pamela Kasabian South Portland, Maine Comment: I know that Maine citizens have the capability to create alternative revenue streams that do not pollute and destroy our beautiful land for future generations. Stop importing waste.

Daryl Kelley South Portland, Maine

Nat May South Portland, Maine

Kirsten McWilliams South Portland, Maine

James Melloh South Portland, Maine *Comment:* Stop the loophole which sidesteps the vital intent of the law.

Elizabeth Nolan Nolan South Portland, Maine Comment: Are you kidding me with this??? Who profits?

Kathleen Potrepka South Portland, Maine

Gregg Raymond South Portland, Maine

Ursula Schmidt South Portland, Maine

Donna Senkbeil South Portland, Maine

Jean Smith South Portland, Maine

Lucie Springman South Portland, Maine

#### **BRIAN Steppacher**

South Portland, Maine

*Comment:* If the toxic waste is inert it will sit in the soil forever and/or leach into water bodies on the surface and below ground unaltered. If the elements in the leachate are free radicals (?) they can be attenuated and/or mitigated through the addition of complimentary ions. Every land fill should be appropriately lined with clay (for example) to prevent leachate from spreading from its source and contaminating ground and surface waters and soils. Taylor Strubell South Portland, Maine

Julie Suiter South Portland, Maine

Kathy Turner South Portland, Maine

**Gabriella Turner** South Portland, Maine

Scott Turner South Portland, Maine

Christine Wright South Portland, Maine

**Ellen Zimmerman** South Portland, Maine

Kathleen Florance South Thomaston, Maine

Sally Howlett South Thomaston, Maine

**Stephen Homer** Southwest Harbor, Maine

Linda Homer Southwest Harbor, Maine

Kristin R Hutchins Southwest Harbor, Maine *Comment:* Let the consequences of our consumption stay with ourselves. Attaching cause to effect makes solutions clearer.

Sam Jacobson Southwest Harbor, Maine Comment: Not in my state!

Elizabeth Laverack Southwest Harbor, Maine

Marjorie Monteleon Southwest Harbor, Maine

Mindy Terry Southwest Harbor, Maine

Martha Roberts Springvale, Maine

Greg Soutiea Spruce Head, Maine

**Deb Boxer** Standish, Maine *Comment:* We have enough of our own waste in this state. If you drive through Standish now all up and down every road, people throw their trash out the windows onto the ground. It is disgusting and looks horrible. We certainly don't need out of state trash filling up our landfills. And certainly not near cultural grounds. Thank you, Deb Boxer

**Eileen Burnell** Standish, Maine

Margaret Sweet Standish, Maine

Lee-Ann VanAtta Standish, Maine

**Donald Parker** Steep Falls, Maine *Comment:* stop out of state trash!!!!

Peggy Drake Steuben, Maine

Susan Richard Steuben, Maine

Maryann Smale Steuben, Maine

**Abigail Bradford** Stillwater, Maine

**Donna Gold** Stockton Springs, Maine

**Colette Jadis** Stockton Springs, Maine

Nancy Kane Stockton Springs, Maine

#### **Ryan Ming**

Stockton Springs, Maine Comment: I have spent a considerable amount of time cleaning up the plastic debris from Northern Ireland left in Long Cove off Searsport. Unfortunately the clean up is not finished! The mainland side and the causeway still have microplastics in the seaweed. When will enough be enough? When it's too late?

Ken Oberholtzer Stockton Springs, Maine

Beth Smith Stockton Springs, Maine

Martha Stamp Stockton Springs, Maine

Joyce White Stoneham, Maine Edith Cameron Stonington, Maine

Laura Lawford Stonington, Maine

Nancy Wynne Stonington, Maine

Marcia White Stratton, Maine Comment: inexcusable...close the loophole

Paul Breeden Sullivan, Maine

jon nyborg Sullivan, Maine *Comment:* It's about time we put an end to Casella's toxic waste money schemes! No LOOPHOLES! Maine trash is not Trash that's trucked into Maine from out of state and then labeled 'Maine Trash' on th floor at some facility!

Lawrence O'Rourke Sumner, Maine *Comment:* THIS SITUATION IS OUTRAGEOUS AND HAS TO STOP!

**Robert Runes** Sumner, Maine

Nancy Hathaway Surry, Maine

Lucy Leaf Surry, Maine *Comment:* We cannot become the dumping ground for other states or countries. Please act on this matter now.

Jennifer Lipka Surry, Maine

Paula Mrozicki Surry, Maine

Arlene Roberts Surry, Maine

Carol Simon Swanville, Maine Comment: Maine is still learning how to reduce, recycle, and store the trash its citizens accumulate--let's keep it local!

Mary Sohl Sweden, Maine

**Greg Kimber** Temple, Maine

Sandra MacMahon Temple, Maine Mary Sennott Hewitt Temple, Maine

Janine Winn Temple, Maine Comment: Our state is not a garbage dump!

Norah Getgood Tenants Harbor, Maine

Anne Goodale Tenants Harbor, Maine

Ernie Johnson Tenants Harbor, Maine

susan hathaway The forks, Maine

Matt Bonner

Thomaston, Maine

*Comment:* I lived in Orono and Old Town for a number of years and learned much of the Penobscot nation and their vast history and knowledge. The physical landscape itself is beautiful as well and I would hate to see it damaged by any unnecessary dumping. Please stop bringing in more waste from out of state there's no reason for it.

Mimi Moore Thomaston, Maine

**Rebecca Hagen** Thorndike, Maine *Comment:* Maine is not a dumping ground.

Anon Maine Thorndike, Maine

Winifred Noyes Thorndike, Maine

Michelle Borodinsky Topsham, Maine *Comment:* It is time to intensify and subsidize recycling efforts rather than dump 'waste' particularly out-of-state material, in landfills!

Susanne Colson Topsham, Maine Comment: It's amazing this has gone on so long! Thanks to NRCM for jumping in!

Jacquelyn Cressy Topsham, Maine

Matt Cunio Topsham, Maine

Pauline Dingle Topsham, Maine *Comment:* We need to take action now in order to keep our beautiful state clean!

## Joseph Feely

Topsham, Maine

*Comment:* Any money made by the out-of-state dumping of waster in Maine will be dwarfed by the potential long-term consequences. This practice should end - if for no other reason than it is an insult to our State.

Mark Grandonico Topsham, Maine

**M. Elaine Kurtz** Topsham, Maine

Amanda Larkin Topsham, Maine

Arthur and Charlotte Mary Topsham, Maine Comment: This has to stop !!!

Mary Meier Topsham, Maine

Thomas O'Keefe Topsham, Maine

Julie Pease Topsham, Maine

Terry Porter Topsham, Maine

Carolyn Porter Topsham, Maine

Susan Rae-Reeves

Topsham, Maine *Comment:* We need to find real solutions to the garbage problem. Let's not allow shifting responsibility.

Dorota Schweier Topsham, Maine

Michael Gilmartin Trenton, Maine

Maggie Harling Trenton, Maine

Marcia Chaffee Trescott Twp, Maine

Suzanne Plaut Trescott Twp, Maine Comment: Appalling long term environmental cost - Maine needs to stand up for it's environment and the future health of generations to come Jean Hamilton

Trevett, Maine

**Bill Hammond** Trevett, Maine *Comment:* Protect the Penobscot watershed!

David St.Jean Troy, Maine *Comment:* Keep our state clean !!@

## **Emily Dingman**

Turner, Maine

*Comment:* We need to find ways to reduce our waste streams, and having to deal with it in our own space is a great way to incentivise that. Maine is a beautiful place with lots of open space that people travel from far and near to enjoy, let's not take on other people's waste at a detriment to our state. When their waste has to be dealt with close to home, people will come up with creative solutions for it. Please support LD 1639.

## **Sharon Martin**

Turner, Maine

*Comment:* Maine should not be the dumping ground for the trash of other states.

Jon Ellis Union, Maine

P. Jaine Jacobs Union, Maine

Nancy Johnson Union, Maine

Keri Kaczor Union, Maine

## Teresa Roth

## Union, Maine

*Comment:* Close the loophole and enforce the original law, not intended to allow this toxic out of state waste dumping, it's quite obvious.

## John Shepard/Bx828

Union, Maine

*Comment:* As the president of the board of directors for our regional solid waste facility, TriCounty Solid Waste Management, I find this loophole appalling and I agree that this must be stopped.

Katherine Wellen Union, Maine

**Finn Whiting** Union, Maine

**Lyn Grotke** Unity, Maine

**Diana Hauser** Unity, Maine

Comment: This is just plain wrong on all levels.

Annie Sheble Unity, Maine

Harry Bonish Vassalboro, Maine Comment: This needs to stop NOW! Period!

Linda Kingdon Vassalboro, Maine

Suzanne Malis-Anderson

Veazie, Maine

## Linda Swackhamer

Veazie, Maine

*Comment:* Stop accepting more trash here! We work to compost, recycle and reduce our waste stream locally, and this business model depends on gathering more trash! And then dumping into the sacred Penobscot River. End this loophole!

## **Isabelle Rogers**

Vienna, Maine Comment: Yes! Please this has got to stop! No more out-ofstate trash and toxic wast!

Laura Shepherd Vienna, Maine

Brent Groce Vinalhaven, Maine

Susan Lauchlan Waldo, Maine

Krisanne Baker Waldoboro, Maine Comment: Diabolical! Need I say more?

Caren Clark Waldoboro, Maine Comment: Stop allowing this to happen!

Melissa Dearborn Waldoboro, Maine

Tatyana Eckstrand Waldoboro, Maine

**Deborah Michaelsen** Waldoboro, Maine Lee Rodgers Waldoboro, Maine Comment: I don't want this to happen!

Susan Barbay Wales, Maine

Lance Bukoff Warren, Maine

Nancy Button Warren, Maine

Ward Grafton Warren, Maine

## Katherine Holland

#### Warren, Maine

*Comment:* We must close this loophole that classifies waste as "generated within the state" just by virtue of being delivered to one of Maine's waste processing facilities on its way to JRL. We can't become a dumping ground for waste that other states don't want in their own jurisdictions!

Sandra Hall Bourrie Washington, Maine

Kara Potter Washington, Maine

**Tom Potter** Washington, Maine

## Jackie Elliott

#### Waterboro, Maine

*Comment:* Maine citizens have the right to live in communities free from toxic threat from polluters. Maine should not be 'the answer' for other states' irresponsibility for handling of waste materials. We need to close the loophole in Maine law that allows us to be the 'dumping ground' for outof-state waste.

**Craig Richardson** Waterboro, Maine

Kerry Johnson Waterford, Maine

## Lydia Landesberg

Waterford, Maine *Comment:* Please stop the delivery of out-of-state waste to Maine landfills. Our environment is too fragile, and Maine's economy depends on it.

Mary Martin Waterford, Maine

Margaret Nation Waterford, Maine

#### **Bonnie Parsons**

Waterford, Maine

*Comment:* No way is dumping another state's toxic waste in Maine to be allowed!! No loopholes!!! It's just plain wrong. Lawmakers do your job and protect our Rivers, People, Wildlife, and natural resources, including we must care about the health and rights of the Penobscot Indians. Please Support LD 1639!

#### **Carol Rothenberg**

Waterford, Maine

Julie Brown Waterville, Maine

Irene Cruz Waterville, Maine

#### Gale Davison

Waterville, Maine Comment: We don't need to manage other state's trash when we produce too much of our own.

## Cody Horn

Waterville, Maine

*Comment:* Maine is a state built on natural beauty and purity and should not sell out just for a few extra dollars. If the land and rivers are ruined there is no Maine

#### Margaret Kolesar

Waterville, Maine

Carolyn MacRae Waterville, Maine

**George Miller** Waterville, Maine

Janine Moore Waterville, Maine

Sharon Saunders Waterville, Maine

**Thomas Tietenberg** Waterville, Maine

Tamie Trainer Waterville, Maine

Linda Woods Waterville, Maine

Prudence Andrews Wayne, Maine

Kate Connelly Wayne, Maine

Les Lewandowski Wayne, Maine *Comment:* What an outrageous loophole for our beautiful state!

Reid Appleby Wells, Maine

#### **Hannah Crouthamel**

Wells, Maine

*Comment:* This cannot continue; our legislature must fix this NOW. And it is an easy fix, unless our legislature is in the pocket of the big corporations who are responsible for this.

Lucy Hardy Wells, Maine

Joe Hardy Wells, Maine

Amanda Ledoiux Wells, Maine

Jean Whelan

Wells, Maine

*Comment:* In an attempt to limit pollutants in Maine, it is unbelievable to allow toxic materials from any other state to go into Maine's landfills. The Maine Legislature must pass legislation to stop this immediately. I, and hopefully most other Mainers, want clean air now and for generations to come. There is no way to predict what toxic materials will be out-gased in the future from landfills. Stop accepting anything for Maine's landfills from other states!

Jane Whetstone

Wells, Maine

**Diane Williams** 

Wells, Maine Comment: Do not dump any out of state toxic waste or trash in Maine. Every state needs to handle their own refuse!

Vinnedge Lawrence West Baldwin, Maine

## Anne Childs

West Bath, Maine Comment: I learned of this issue from NRDC this morning. Hope the Legislature will support LD 1639. Maine's people should not be put at risk by irresponsible waste management in Massachusetts.

Erin Connolly West Bath, Maine

## **Evelyn Dunphy**

West Bath, Maine

*Comment:* I want to add my name to the list of Maine citizens who do not want to allow dumping of toxic wastes in our State-owned landfills.

Richard Everett

West bath, Maine Comment: Please stop allowing out of state trash

Mary Ellen Wilson West Bath, Maine

Benjamin Borkowski West Boothbay Harbor, Maine

Betsy Laney West Gardiner, Maine

Lauren Swindells West Gardiner, Maine

Pam Adams Westbrook, Maine

**AL Arsenault** Westbrook, Maine

Kathleen Athearn Westbrook, Maine

Courtney Frost Westbrook, Maine

Martha Goodale Westbrook, Maine

Kim Matthews Westbrook, Maine

Heather Muzzy Caron Westbrook, Maine

## Don Naber

Westbrook, Maine

*Comment:* Close the loophole that allows trucking of waste from out of state to be classified as 'generated within the state' when this is clearly not true.

## Barbara Peaslee

Westbrook, Maine Comment: To make a living deliberately dumping trash/garbage in Maine that is trucked in? No way...EVER! Other States can take care of their own problems...Maine is not a dumping ground.

Deanna Reeves Korey

Westbrook, Maine

Beth Schultz Westbrook, Maine

Michele Strang Westbrook, Maine

Bridget Strang Westbrook, Maine Bryan Strang Westbrook, Maine

Seth Mirsky Westport Island, Maine

Janet Thompson Westport Island, Maine

Virginia Campbell Whitefield, Maine Comment: I can't believe we have ever allowed such a thing!

**Carole Cifrino** Whitefield, Maine

Mary Dunn Whitefield, Maine

Erik & Judith Ekholm Whitefield, Maine

Nate Hopkins Whitefield, Maine

Natasha Mayers Whitefield, Maine

Katherine Morse Whitefield, Maine

Laurel Mullens Whitefield, Maine

STEPHEN PELLECCHIA Whitefield, Maine Comment: Stop out of state waste

#### **Rebecca Clark** Whitneyville, Maine

*Comment:* Dumping out-of-state waste containing toxic materials into a land fill is not a safe way of dealing with toxic waste. The toxins in waste require careful, expensive treatment & sequestration to prevent the pollution of surrounding soil and water - both n

Gary Burke Wilton, Maine

Barbara O'Reilly Wilton, Maine

Bob O'Reilly Wilton, Maine

## Ken Sawyer

Wilton, Maine

*Comment:* Each state needs to handle its own waste internally as that is the only way to get businesses and people to change harmful behaviors. Maine's future must be as an

environmentally clean and responsible vacationland, not as a toxic waste dump.

## Joyce Bailey

Windham, Maine

*Comment:* Please bring an end to this toxic mess! Thank you for helping to care fir our magnificent state. ~ Joyce Bailey, Windham

Martha Briggs Windham, Maine

Rosanne Dombek Windham, Maine

Jeff Dunlop Windham, Maine

Jennifer Harmon Windham, Maine Comment: Maine is a treasure that needs to be protected!!

Jennifer Harmon Windham, Maine Comment: I agree that this needs to stop to protect this land

Lorrie Marx-Adams Windham, Maine

Daniel McFetridge Windham, Maine

Priscilla Payne Windham, Maine Comment: It is time that we take this seriously and the state legislature do their job and stop this.

Brian Skillings Windham, Maine

Roger Varney Windham, Maine

Will Wysowski Windham, Maine

Steve Hoad Windsor, Maine Comment: Limited landfill space here in Maine doesn't need to be loaded with out-of-state waste. Or, perhaps, we should start exporting our trash? No. Just stop the dumping, let other states deal with their own.

Vincent Lord Windsor, Maine

Jessica Bisson Winslow, Maine

Lawrence Fleury Jr Winslow, Maine

#### Paul Gregory Winslow, Maine

Walter Keene

Winslow, Maine

Christina Rusnov Winslow, Maine

Robert Woodbury Winslow, Maine

#### Brenda Moot

#### Winterport, Maine

*Comment:* Make our laws stronger so we don't have to take in toxic construction and demo waste from states that already have laws banning this waste from their landfills. We must protect Maine land and water.

Michael Bowe Winthrop, Maine

Katherine Freeman Winthrop, Maine

**Carlton Harvey** Winthrop, Maine

Terry Ashton Wiscasset, Maine

Kayla Bott Wiscasset, Maine

Melissa Cote Wiscasset, Maine

Marty Fox Wiscasset, Maine

Dan French Wiscasset, Maine

Anna Ridle Wiscasset, Maine

**Kimberly Bridges** 

Woodville, Maine *Comment:* We make too much of our own, let them keep theirs!

Jennifer Gordon Woolwich, Maine

## Paula Harvard

Woolwich, Maine

*Comment:* Maine does have more than enough plastic in every form...take a look at our grocery stores and our other retail establishments....let's start thinking about how to cut that down. We don't need to help other states before we help our own. Let's start with that. Burying plastic doesn't make it go away....just out of sight...it's still there for a very long time.

Brey Miller Woolwich, Maine

Katherine Missal Woolwich, Maine

Ruth Rogers Woolwich, Maine

Heather Abbott Yarmouth, Maine

Anne Ball Yarmouth, Maine

Judith Coburn Yarmouth, Maine

Pamela Grondin Yarmouth, Maine

Jocelyn Grover Yarmouth, Maine

Ruben Layman Yarmouth, Maine

**Donald Lennon** Yarmouth, Maine

Mary Jane Northrop Yarmouth, Maine

**Christine Oberink** Yarmouth, Maine

**Liz Pattison** Yarmouth, Maine

## **C.Thomas Settlemire**

Yarmouth, Maine *Comment:* Maine should not be a dumping ground for out-ofstate toxins! There is no incentive for anyone to reduce the amount of waste they generate if you can simply package it up and send it out of state--what you generate should be taken care of where it is generated!

## edward simmons

Yarmouth, Maine *Comment:* Maine should not become the dumping place for other regions. Stop this today.

Jaime Stowell Yarmouth, Maine

Laura Creagan York, Maine

#### Janet Drew

#### York, Maine

*Comment:* Maine's lands & waters are our Most valuable resource, & vital to all ways of life for the people (our other greatest resource) Protect both. Stop polluters & their loopholes. End plastic packaging. Oil Cos want to make more plastics. We literally are eating plastic from fish in the inundated ocean. We can fix this. Will you?

#### Susan Kepner

#### York, Maine

*Comment:* Maine must NOT be a dumping ground for other states waste!!! No amount of money is worth the harm to our environment. Trash of ALL kinds is burying us!!! We MUST be finding ways to make LESS waste and NOT taking it from any other state!!! These dumps very often leech toxins into water ways and on to land that kills vital insects, birds and small animals. Time to CLEAN -UP and mandate more recycling, reusing, and re-thinking what we buy.

#### **Carol Libby**

York, Maine

# Jessica Masi

York, Maine

#### Alan McDonald

York, Maine *Comment:* Close the loophole allowing out-of-state waste into Maine landfills.

#### **Tarin Quinn**

York, Maine

#### **Clorinda Schenck**

York, Maine *Comment:* What will vacationers think? They won't think, 'Maine, the Way Life Should Be.'.

Victoria Simon

York, Maine

#### Sally Sulloway York, Maine

#### **Judy Brewer**

Hampden, Massachusetts Comment: I live in Massachusetts and sometimes vacation in ME. I do not support cross-state dumping!

## **Margaret McGinnis**

Hull, Massachusetts *Comment:* I am appalled that waste from my state is being dumped in Maine.

#### **Amanda Powell**

Marshfield, Massachusetts Comment: I join in solidarity with Penobscot Nation and local communities in supporting LD 1639 and an end to filling Maine's landfills with out-of-state waste.

#### Virginia Camelio

Randolph, Massachusetts

*Comment:* keep waste accountable and within the state that generates the waste.

#### steven martin

Salisbury, Massachusetts

*Comment:* I have worked for decades as a building and renovation carpenter contractor in the north east, from Boston to Portland Maine. We have taken hundreds of tons to the scale at the local transfer station in Georgetown Massachusetts. I have asked, to where is the debris hauled. I was informed, 'somewhere near Oldtown'. I have never felt right with knowing this. Massachusetts should take responsability, devise and mandate an industry. The heck with explooring Planet Mars; there are problems to tend to right at home.

#### **Sherry Palmer**

Rochester, New Hampshire

*Comment:* I live in New Hampshire, but was born in Maine. Every state should properly dispose of their own waste (mainly limit it!), within their own state. Using another's state resources is selfish and irresponsible. I'm saddened to learn that NH is putting their trash in Maine!

#### **Denise Androvette**

#### Syracuse, New York

*Comment:* Concern for Maine started with my childhood visits to Bucksport, home of my grandmother. Maine must not accept toxic dump it from other states. Simply wrong

#### Marilyn Hartman

#### Austin, Texas

*Comment:* This is an unfortunate loophole that needs to be closed. Maine should not be the dump for surrounding states, which need to provide for their own waste, some of it toxic. I grew up in Maine and return there for four months every summer to a pristine lake in the northern region, not terribly far from Old Town and the Juniper Ridge Landfill. I support LD 1639. Please pass it. Thank you for your consideration.

#### Linda hall

Glen Allen, Virginia

*Comment:* My family has owned property in Maine since 1941 and I feel a strong commitment to preserving Maine's natural integrity and beauty

#### **George Bangs**

Norfolk, Virginia *Comment:* Owner of property in Maine, and native of Maine.

### **Andrea Saunders**

#### Seattle, Washington

*Comment:* Maine is my home state, the state I grew up in, and I don't want it to become a dumping ground for other states Trash , and who refuse to take responsibility for their consumption rates. There are cleaner industries to attract to create jobs in Maine.

## Megan Bayona

#### Boulder, Colorado

*Comment:* I recently moved out of state, but will always consider Maine to be my home. Please close this loophole and protect our beautiful state from outside waste.

## Andrea Dest

Westminster, Colorado Comment: I am a native Mainer now living out-of-state. Keep Maine beautiful!

## **Iris Parker**

Land O Lakes, Florida *Comment:* please keep maine the beautiful state I continue to return to

## **Ted Sherman**

Sarasota, Florida *Comment:* As a former Maine resident I am strongly opposed to out of state dumping in ME landfills. Let MA solve their own dump issues. ME needs to stand up for our environment

## **Stanley Rusk**

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Saint Simons Island, Georgia Comment: I am also a property owner in Piscataquis County