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The Honorable Stacy Brenner
The Honorable Ralph Tucker
Co-Chairs

The Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Augusta, Maine 04333

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to LD 1639.

Staples Trucking has been in business since 1996 in the town of Turner, and we currently operate 11 trucks that haul materials both within Maine and in and out of Maine. Our business revolves around the Resource Waste Services facility in Lewiston, so any action that would threaten that business would threaten ours as well.

The issues in LD 1639 were discussed in Augusta just last year, and companies like ours need more certainty to be able to invest in equipment and people. The jobs that our company supports are well-paying jobs – the types of jobs that are important to an area like Androscoggin County.

As a result of LD 401 -- legislation that addressed this issue and passed just last year -- Resource is making investments to increase its recycling rate. Please do not undo the policy that was finalized just last session – it would be unfair to Resource Waste Services and companies like ours that rely on their business. We should see how things progress from that new law and take action in a few years if action is needed.

The solid waste sector is regional and complex and it is interdependent on other sectors, like the forest products sector. Plenty of waste and other materials *leave* the state of Maine as well, and companies like ours are needed to move material out of Maine as well as into Maine. It would be a bad idea to do something in a few weeks that would unravel a policy that people spent more than a year negotiating.

We respectfully ask you to oppose LD 1639. Thank you for your consideration.

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