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Dear Committee Clerk Sabrina Carey,

I am writing to ask you to oppose LD 1639, which undermines private industry investment in the state. ReSource Waste Services, a construction and demolition debris (CDD) processing and recycling facility in Lewiston is currently investing \$1.5 million in capital improvements to upgrade and enhance the recovery and recycling of CDD in the state. I have had the opportunity to provide engineering and consulting services to Maine's solid waste industry and understand the valuable service that ReSource Waste Services provides to our residents and business community.

Practically speaking, LD 1639 would not only negate their investment to the recycling infrastructure in the state, it would ultimately result in the closure of one of the only CDD recycling facilities in Maine and it may have similar impacts on other waste processing facilities that use out of state waste as a product to be recycled.

Existing laws and regulations allow ReSource to receive waste products from outside of the State of Maine, and this bill is an attempt to undermine their business model and the significant investments they have made to upgrade their capabilities. The closure of Resource would take the state backwards in its commitment to recycle more waste and would send ripples through the waste management and recycling industry with unintended consequences for our environment.

Please vote "Ought Not to Pass" on LD 1639.

Sincerely,
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