

March 3, 2022

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Attention: Maryanne McMaster
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-1000

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

On behalf of the Town of Madison I am voicing opposition to the proposed amendment to LD259 offered by Representative Tucker. The Town of Madison does its best to offer reasonable alternatives to taxpayers when it comes to the disposal of MSW and demolition material. The Town contracts with Waste Management to allow for commercial pick up and access to the Crossroads Landfill in Norridgewock.

Due to the rising costs associated with MSW and recycling, taxpayers have seen an increase of 30% since 2016. This amendment will add another 5% to that increase on top of added fees.

These additional fees for MSW and demolition material will be passed along to the municipalities and the commercial haulers. Either way the residents will pay more for disposal.

In rural Maine, large landowners often pay the price for increased cost of disposal. Their land can be used as dumping sites for residents who choose not to pay the higher prices of appropriate disposal. I do not believe that there is any evidence to show that higher fees will result in people doing the right thing.

If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at the Town Office at 696-3971.

Best regards,



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