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Attn: Ms. Kathy Tarbuck

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Dear Ms. Tarbuck,

I have recently testified supporting the JRL expansion. I also have read some of the comments coming to you from those who are against it. Although I have never taken things personally, I must admit some of the information is very disturbing as to how it has been portrayed. My thirty-eight years doing this I have showed there is always two sides of every story. My issue is simple. A lack of capacity creates undo pricing increases as simple economics dictates supply and demand. For me, I already haul Maine waste out of state. Capacity over New England is in short supply. By not expanding JRL my Maine customers (10,000+) Technically have no place to go. By only looking at one year we will be faced with this again. Technology may be coming sometime, but it will never completely replace landfilling. As I stated during my testimony – I'm only the guy who magically makes everyone's waste disappear. For those who say we don't need more capacity: First, shame on them. Secondly, if I was now picking up their waste, I would gladly stop and then ask now what? I believe everyone has a right to their opinion, but not when it is self-serving and undermines the benefit of all. I am always available to discuss this should you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity as this is critical to me and all those customers I speak for.

Sincerely,



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