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Dear Karen,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed expansion of the Juniper Ridge landfill in Old Town, Maine. We live across the street from it and I watch it grow larger and larger daily.

Expanding the landfill poses significant risks to public health and the environment, the daily burn off I watch makes me sick to my stomach - metaphorically and physically. Increased waste volumes WILL lead to pollution levels, impacting air and water quality in our community greater than it already has. I walk out the door every morning to get hit in the face with the smell. Additionally, the expansion threatens the cultural and environmental values of the Penobscot Nation, as the area holds significant cultural and ecological importance to us, the highly concentrated amounts of forever chemicals that run off into the Penobscot River are something we can never undo.

It is a fact that cancer rates are 35% higher within a 2 mile radius of a typical landfill, expanding that will stretch it's reach for most of our town and the surrounding areas.

I believe it is crucial to consider alternative solutions that prioritize environmental sustainability and respect for indigenous lands. I would be happy to discuss this further if you're interested. Attached is our view of the landfill, one in which we were never suppose to see.

Best regards,

Justin Loring.

