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I am writing to reiterate my strong opposition to the proposed expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill. As you are aware, our community already bears a disproportionate share of the state's waste burden, accepting over half of all waste generated. The addition of 61 acres of landfill space and the associated increase in waste, runoff, PFAS, odors, chemicals, and toxins would put almost the entire state's burden of waste squarely on the back of this small community.

That alone should be enough to demonstrate the lack of public benefit and lack of justice. But there is plenty more. I was at the hearings held at UMaine. You and I both heard testimony from many Maine residents detailing legitimate, legal, ethical, and reasonable reasons why that landfill has no business being granted an expansion

The Juniper Ridge Landfill has a limited lifespan of approximately five years. This timeframe provides a valuable opportunity for the DEP to develop a comprehensive plan to address the state's waste management needs in a more sustainable and equitable manner. Make a plan to mitigate the waste. There are alternatives should you choose to take them, create them, and make them.

Moving forward with this expansion would send a clear message that corporate profits are valued above the health and well-being of our residents and the protection of our environment. It would demonstrate that an out-of-state company's money and power are more important than the needs of Maine's people and the sacred lands of the Penobscot Nation

Instead, I urge you to choose a different path. Choose to prioritize Maine residents, the health of our community, the protection of our environment, and the rights of the Penobscot Nation. Tell Casella that their money is not welcome here. We will not be bought or bullied.

Thank you,
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