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

My name is Nichole Fillion and I work for Complete Labor and Staffing Solutions. Our company's mission is finding employment for our temporary employees, finding the best suited employees for our valued clients and also upholding our core value: building and maintaining strong relationships while providing the best customer service possible for both our valued clients and temporary employees.

Since 2017, we've had a successful partnership with ReSource Lewiston. They provide employment and we provide the employees. Our candidates come from the manufacturing, production, construction and retail industries and ReSource Lewiston offers good-paying work that utilizes their skills.

I submit this testimony in opposition to LD 1639, An Act To Protect the Health and Welfare of Maine Communities and Reduce Harmful Solid Waste. If this legislation were to pass, and ReSource Lewiston were to cease operations, Complete Labor and Staffing would lose a valuable partner and our job seekers would lose the opportunity for good-paying work.

It is my understanding that the Department of Environmental Protection and a large group of industry stakeholders came to an agreement last year on very similar legislation. Like all successful compromises, no one group walked away with everything they wanted, but that agreement protected the interests of people who work for and do business with ReSource Lewiston, and also increased recycling rates to continue progress towards Maine's solid waste goals. The Legislature unanimously supported this in LD 401, which was later signed into law by Governor Mills.

Please honor that agreement and allow the legislation to do what was intended. Don't undo that good work.

I respectfully ask you to oppose LD 1639. Thank you for your consideration.