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In Opposition to
L.D. 1639 An Act to Protect the Health and Welfare of Maine Communities and Reduce
Harmful Solid Waste

Senator Brenner, Representative Tucker, and members of the Joint Stating Committee on Environmental and Natural Resources, my name is TJ Troiano, I represent Troiano Waste Services,

Troiano Waste Services is a family owned and operated waste hauling company based in Maine. We offer waste and recycling collection and transportation for many Maine businesses.

Troiano Waste Services, Inc is opposed to LD 1639.

While our Family and Company believes in the hierarchy of waste and follows to the best of our ability, we also depend on facilities like the ReSource Waste Services Facility in Lewiston. This legislation would change definitions of out of state waste and completely change the operating dynamic for the Resources' Lewiston Facility. We believe that by passing this bill in it current form the lifeline that ReSource has, would be cut off and ReSource would not be able to continue to operate at a profit and thus would most likely need to seize operations at the Lewiston Facility.

Although we may be importing waste to help ReSource maintain an operational profit, with out this stream of waste, they would not have enough material to continue to process any material, taking our CDD recycling to almost 0%. We also, must remember that we do export waste as well, and most of the waste streams we export are far worse than the streams that are imported for example: Medical Waste and Hazardous waste leaves our state daily.

I would like to point out some intended and non-intended consequence that would most likely occur if LD 1639 passes and the closure of ReSource Lewiston was to occur.

- 1) As well as out of state CDD not being recycled the facility in-state CDD would also not be recycled. This would cause most CDD to end up in our Landfills. This is directly against our Hierarchy of waste and recycling.
- 2) ReSource, would not make the investment that they are willing to make to increase the recycling numbers at their facility. Thus, again causing our state to go backwards in recycling instead of embracing the facilities that are trying to help our state recycle more every year.



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2) Landfills would no longer be able to get the product that they use from ReSource to use as alternative daily cover and would be forced to use virgin soil. Thus, taking a great resource our state has and just bringing it directly into the landfill. That seems like that would be the worst thing in our Hierarchy.

4) If facilities like Re-Energy close due to this bill we will not have as many trucks exporting waste out of the state. Currently many trucks leave the state with waste to bring to facilities in MA and bring back material to recycle, thus increasing the amount of waste that is disposed of in Maine Landfills.

5) Bark Mulch prices would increase and possibly cause Maines Bark Mulch industry to be less competitive and drop off. Bark Mulch relies on the trucks coming into Maine to be able to use discount rates for the trucks tor return to NH and MA to deliver the bark mulch.

6) Many jobs upward of 75 direct and indirect jobs rely on ReSource's Lewiston facility. These jobs are direct workers as well as truck driver's mechanics and other industries that support the facility.

Our company believes there will be a better solution someday, but in the meantime, we need an environmentally sound facility to dispose of our customers CDD, MSW and Recycling materials.

In closing I would like to suggest that we put a stake holders' group together to help build a long-term plan and solution for our State's and possibly regions waste disposal needs.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me by e-mail TJ@TroianoWaste.com or phone 207-767-2070.

Sincerely,

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