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Dear Mr. Morris,

The Town of Norridgewock's Board of Selectmen would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on PL 2009 Chapter 412, LD 760, "An Act to Improve Landfill Capacity". This legislative document has been a heavily debated topic at our recent Selectmen's meetings and we have come to the following conclusions.

The rules and regulations that govern solid waste facilities have a strong impact on the Town of Norridgewock and the community has some strong concerns that they are "falling through the cracks" at the state level.

In late May early June of 2009, the Town of Norridgewock was contacted by Representatives Phil Curtis and Peter Mills, informing the town manager of LD 760 and its potential impact. On June 3, 2009 the bill passed the House and was sent to the Senate, where it was stopped by Senator Seth Goodall until the January 2010 session. The Town of Norridgewock was assured in June that they would be given an opportunity to be heard regarding this issue and yet the community heard nothing further regarding the level of participation and its format.

On October 26, 2009 the Solid Waste Management Advisory Council met to discuss LD 760 and stated that they would like to hear from the involved community. It wasn't until December 14, 2009 that the Norridgewock Town Manager, Michelle Flewelling received an e-mail stating that the State Planning Office "would be interested in the town's input of the issue.", and required submission of the Town's comments by December 31, 2009. The Town of Norridgewock requested an extension for their

comment submission due to the short amount of time provided, town meeting preparation schedules, financial year end and holiday schedules. Although the SPO has been very helpful in recent weeks fielding questions and answering data requests, we feel that the SPO should have involved the town earlier in this process.

Throughout the course of this investigative endeavor and with the input of our community members, there has been one consistent conclusion; the Town of Norridgewock has not been given the appropriate amount of consideration regarding the rules and regulations that directly affect our community and its land. While the Board of Selectmen feels that Waste Management's Crossroads Landfill has done a good job operating their facility and continues to be a valuable member of our community we also feel that we deserve to be given a heightened level of consideration regarding laws that govern our infrastructure and potential financial wellbeing. As always, we look forward to and welcome the opportunity to be involved in processes that could potentially benefit all parties.

We hope that you will join us in our diligence to find ways to ensure that our community stays informed of issues that have a direct impact on the Town of Norridgewock.

Best Regards,

The Norridgewock Board of Selectmen.



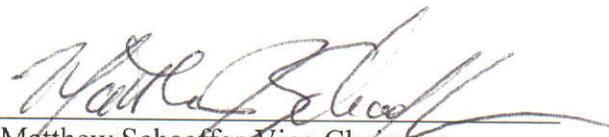
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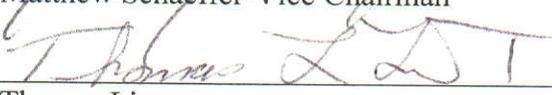
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* The Norridgewock Board of Selectmen were able to voice their recommendations to Representative Phil Curtis on February 3rd, 2010 concerning working together with all parties on this issue during the 125th legislative session.