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Dear Ms. Butler,

Somerset Economic Development Corporation is pleased to offer its support of Waste Management's proposed expansion to its Crossroads Landfill in Norridgewock,

Waste Management's Norridgewock facility is heavily relied upon by not just communities within our region but throughout the state. They offer both waste disposal and recycling services to municipalities and businesses at affordable prices allowing to effectively budget both public and private dollars. The Crossroads Landfill operates a state of the art, reliable and safe facility, so much so, they are running out of capacity. The proposed expansion would allow Waste Management to serve a critical state-wide need for years to come. There are limited options for waste and recycling disposal in Maine and a consistent public and private partner such as Waste Management, is critical to avoid statewide disruption in the waste and recycling stream.

Waste Management not only runs an impressive facility, it is a true community partner. They offer free disposal to the town of Norridgewock, at times free service to important development projects where funds are limited, community support through sponsorships and donations, endless tours to students and community leaders for educational purposes, and of course offer reliable employment opportunities in a region where jobs are hard to come by.

From a personal perspective, Waste Management has helped the Budget and Finance Committee that I Chair in the town of Skowhegan, make easy disposal decisions with their reduced cost per ton for the town. The committee was impressed with their pricing all while knowing our waste would be managed responsibly and as environmentally friendly as possible.

The expansion would provide the state with continued disposal options and ensure a competitive industry serving 60 towns in our region alone. A facility close to so many municipalities provides a cost effective and reliable option in terms of pricing and hauling/transporting costs.

The construction of the proposal will provide contracts for many Maine based firms which will be multiplied via fuel, materials, lodging, and food. The long-term benefits of the expansion is even more impressive as estimated regional benefits are in the hundreds of millions over the life of the project.

A recent statewide report projected flat job growth over the next few years in Maine, we hope this will not be the case but if so, we must do whatever we can to help keep the costs of doing business as competitive as possible. Our region and the entire state of Maine cannot afford to have its disposal options reduced in the next few of years. Local, County, and State budgets are at a breaking point and private businesses need to have a reliable option to continue to stay open and hopefully expand their services and products. With this in mind, Somerset Economic Development's Board of Directors unanimously approved support of this project.

Thank you for your consideration,

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