

**In SUPPORT of
Juniper Ridge Landfill Amendment Application to Allow Disposal
of Unprocessed MSW at JRL beyond March 31, 2018**

Good evening Commissioner Mercer, Eastern Maine Regional Office Director Miller, and additional representatives from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Juniper Ridge Landfill Amendment Application to Allow Disposal of Unprocessed MSW at JRL beyond March 31, 2018.

My name is Karen Fussell, and I am the Finance Director for the City of Brewer. I also serve as the Vice President of the Municipal Review Committee (MRC) Board of Directors.

Brewer is proud to have been the first community in February 2016 to sign as a Joining Member and commit to delivering its MSW to the new waste processing facility in Hampden. I am here tonight on behalf of the City to strongly encourage the DEP to approve this license application.

The application before you seeks to extend a policy that succeeded in its goal of supporting the PERC facility. It now stands to provide an important support to the new Coastal waste processing facility in Hampden. While landfills represent the lowest rung on the solid waste hierarchy, they nonetheless fulfill an important role in ensuring a sound and stable waste disposal system. In this case, extension of this limited use of JRL will serve to support the development of Coastal's Hampden waste processing facility and ensure its long term success, which, in turn, will benefit the region and state as a whole with regard to solid waste hierarchy goals.

Approval of this license application will also help preserve the significant benefits flow control provides to the economics of waste processing. The City of Brewer has long had in place a flow control ordinance that directs where waste generated within our borders shall be disposed. Coastal's agreement with Pine Tree ensures that this important provision will be respected; however, that agreement is conditioned upon the approval of the license amendment before you.

For these important reasons, I urge you to approve this license application.

Thank you for your time tonight.

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