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Maine Board of Environmental Protection  
17 State House Station  
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Attn: Mr. James W. Parker  
Chairman

Dear Mr. Parker,

I am the owner of a collection company called Oceanside Rubbish, Inc. located in Sanford, Maine. We service households, municipalities and business throughout Southern Maine. Our waste volume exceeds fifty thousand tons per year between demolition and municipal solid waste. Since EcoMaine ceased to extend our spot market agreement coupled with the PERC situation and Fiberwright an unknown until they open, my dire disposal (*or lack thereof*) is unprecedented!

I understand the expansion at JRL is being challenged. I also understand that the lack of knowledge of the entire disposal hierarchy makes this sensitive balance between protection and capacity a difficult one for most.

The bottom line is this for me. Without this capacity being approved, my customers (10,000+) are being placed in a position of potentially being price increased to something never seen before or maybe closing their doors.

I would guess that when closing four hundred or so small unlined landfills to benefit the environment that no one foresaw the capacity shortage not only in Maine, but all over New England and beyond.

In my thirty-eight years in this business never has recycling cost more to process than that to landfill the same. I have friends and contacts that are dealing with this same dire situation all over New England. I personally have searched for any capacity from Maine to New York and beyond without ANY success.

As a state-owned facility that is run better than any landfill I've ever been in, I wish you not only to grant the extension, but implore you to double at a minimum a reserve balance. Also, one

year at a time doesn't afford any business planning for me or any of the Maine businesses or people who deserve the entry rights to this site now and for years to come.

In closing, I wish you well in your decision making as it is never easy. Common sense with business practicality I hope helps you find your way. If not, I will be back representing those I serve to help find a necessary common ground for the benefit of all.

I thank you sincerely for the opportunity to give helpful insight as to the position many of us in. If I can answer any questions or be of assistance, I have provided my contact information below. Thanks again.

Sincerely,



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