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Good morning members of the Environment and natural resources committee

My name is Chuck Eaton and I own a transportation company Maine Logistic Solutions. We employ 26 people and we have been servicing the waste industry in New England for almost 30 years. I am here today in opposition to LD1639. If LD1639 were to pass and Resource Lewiston were to cease operations it would affect my business. We haul recyclables to Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine for Resource Lewiston and well as picking up material in those same areas for Resource Lewiston to recycle.

I was involved in the LD401 hearings and I thought everyone was in agreement with increased recycling rates to continue progress towards Maine's solid waste goals.

There is a Failed Recycling business already in Maine and material that's supposed to be recycled is being diverted into landfills. As I said in the last hearing, by supporting Resource Lewiston you are supporting recycling.

Please let that previous agreement and plan do what it was intended to do and ask you to oppose LD1639. Thank you for your consideration.

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