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March 24, 2023

Karen Fussell, Board President
Municipal Review Committee
20 Godfrey Drive, Suite 300
Orono, ME 04473

Re: Follow-up to March 8th ENR Committee briefing

Dear Karen:

We are writing to thank you, Michael Carroll and Bill Ferdinand for taking the time to brief our Committee on March 8th regarding the history and current status of, as well as the Municipal Review Committee's (MRC) future plans for, its solid waste processing facility in Hampden.

Although we understand the MRC's reasons for requesting State action in facilitating the restarting of the Hampden facility, and while we are supportive of the MRC's goals of diverting its members' waste from landfilling, there is additional information we require before we are able to consider supporting any specific State action.

Specifically, we request the MRC provide the Committee with the information described below in as expeditiously a manner as possible.

1. Please provide us with any updated or recent engineering or other studies, analyses, documentation or information demonstrating the operational viability of the Hampden facility if restarted per the MRC's described plan.
2. Please provide us with any updated or recent profitability or operational studies, analyses, documentation or information demonstrating the financial viability of the Hampden facility if restarted per the MRC's described plan. Please include any analyses or other information regarding the facility's ability to reach long-term financial stability.

If you have any questions about the matters described above, please do not hesitate to contact us or our Committee analyst, Dan Tartakoff.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Stacy Brenner DET

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Senate Chair

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cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources