



Town of Sugar Hill

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November 10, 2025

The Honorable David Rochefort
New Hampshire Senate
State House
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Support for Moratorium on Landfill Permits and Protection of Local Control

Dear Senator Rochefort,

On behalf of the Sugar Hill Select Board and the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission, we write to formally express our strong support for the proposed moratorium on the issuance of new landfill permits in New Hampshire until several statewide issues are thoroughly addressed.

We respectfully urge action on the following key concerns during the moratorium period.

1. Creation of a Site Evaluation Committee:

We support the establishment of a multidisciplinary Site Evaluation Committee to provide a more comprehensive, transparent, and accountable review process for landfill proposals. Such a body would help ensure that environmental, hydrological, geological, and community impacts are rigorously considered before any permit decisions are granted.

2. Assessment of Future PFAS Remediation Costs:

Municipalities across the state are already facing mounting concerns related to PFAS contamination. It is essential that the state determine how future remediation costs will be managed and funded before allowing additional landfill capacity. Without proactive planning, these burdens will inevitably fall upon local taxpayers.

3. Limits on Out-of-State Waste:

New Hampshire must examine and clearly establish limits on the volume of out-of-state waste being disposed of within our borders. Our state must not become a regional dumping ground at the expense of our natural resources and rural communities.

Furthermore, the Sugar Hill Select Board, and the Conservation Commission adamantly oppose any proposal that would remove or diminish local control from municipal land

use boards. Local Planning, Zoning, Conservation Commission, and Select Boards are best positioned to understand the unique environmental, economic, and social impacts local landfill facilities have on their communities. Preserving local authority is foundational to New Hampshire's tradition of self-governance and community stewardship.

We appreciate the Senator's assistance in bringing attention to these pressing issues and your continued commitment to responsible environmental policy. Sugar Hill stands ready to participate in future legislative and regulatory efforts to modernize and strengthen New Hampshire's waste management framework.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your commitment to protecting the communities and natural resources of New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sugar Hill Select Board

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Sugar Hill Conservation Commission





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