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April 17, 2024

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Subject: Granite State Landfill (GSL) Development

Dear Commissioner Scott:

As you may be aware there is a great deal of contention over the proposed GSL development, and the Coös County Commissioners write to share their concerns.

It is reasonable to conclude that the proposed GSL project will impact the environment, public health and safety, and property values of the area.

Many residents in Coös County obtain drinking water from wells. We are concerned the impacts and costs associated with PFAS contamination could potentially occur at this location.

Additionally, the GSL project will disturb approximately 148 acres of forested wildlife habitat, destroy 11.5 acres of wetlands, and 5 vernal pools in the Town of Dalton.

The proposed development would represent yet another commercial landfill sited in the North Country, far removed from the primary sources of waste generation. The average hauling distance for tractor-trailers to the proposed site would be 126 miles, each way, according to the report from the Dalton Conservation Commission. The increase in trash-truck traffic, proposed to be routed thru the Towns of Carroll and Whitefield, up to 102 trips, each way, per day, Monday-Saturday, certainly will negatively impact safety on the roads while accelerating degradation of Route 3 and Route 116 in Coös County.

While we are cognizant of the economics of trash vs "not in my back yard" paradigm, we are very concerned about the quality of life, and the rural character of Coös County and the North Country. A landfill development next to Forest Lake and the state park is inconsistent with our tourism and outdoor recreation industries, which are so vital to the state's economy.

And the reality is that the identity of the state is very much wrapped up with Coös County. After all, we are home to the White Mountain National Forest, the Presidential Range, the Great North Woods, and the Connecticut Lakes.

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Southern Coös is home to iconic New Hampshire tourist destinations such as Santa's Village, the Cog Railway, the Mount Washington Auto Road, the Mount Washington Hotel and Bretton Woods Ski area (the State's largest).

People from all over New England and the world come to Coös County to experience all of this. Mixing trash and tourism does not seem to be a winning strategy.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of our concerns.

Respectfully,

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