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(Via Email Only)

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Governor Kelly Ayotte
Office of the Governor
State House
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: NH Solid Waste Site Evaluation Committee

Dear Governor Ayotte:

In light of the recent passage of HB707 in the NH State Senate, an act establishing a solid waste site evaluation committee, I write to respectfully request consideration as an appointee to serve as a member of this new solid waste SEC, upon concurrence by the House, and your signed approval.

Congratulations on all of your hard work!

According to HB707, members of the new Solid Waste SEC are to be *“appointed by the governor with the consent of the executive council, including a member who serves on a local conservation commission”*. I am a member of the Dalton Conservation Commission, serving as Chair for the past three years.

A large part of my responsibility as a conservation commission member is to ensure the protection of New Hampshire’s environment and sustainable use of our state’s natural resources. As a member of the new SW SEC, I would bring a much-needed and critical perspective, with a focus on environmental protection.

In your May 14, 2026 press release, you stated: *“I’ve said from day one that we would not let beautiful areas of our state become a dumping ground for out-of-state trash, and I thank the advocates from the North Country and across our state who worked together to get this done. New Hampshire’s natural beauty is central to who we are, and I will always fight to protect what makes our state unique.”*

I completely concur. By appointing me to this very important site evaluation committee, you would be putting action to your words and sentiments.

Furthermore, I strongly agree with the General Court in that there is a compelling state interest in maintaining adequate, reasonably priced, and environmentally protective disposal capacity for solid waste generated in New Hampshire.

As a member of the new SW SEC, my knowledge and experience would provide an invaluable benefit to the State of New Hampshire. It is crucial that criteria not currently captured by existing regulatory reviews, including local and in-state regional economic impacts, property value impacts, and impacts on tourism and recreation all be considered to determine site suitability.

I appreciate your consideration of my request to be appointed to the new solid waste site evaluation committee, upon passage of HB707 into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon Swan".

Jon Swan

cc: NH Executive Council