



“If I win the North Country seat I will surely cosponsor the re-filed bill with Rep. Megan Murray, who serves on the House Environment and Agriculture Committee. It’s too bad the Senate didn’t vote to override the veto, but I’m sure there was a lot of political pressure from the Corner Office,” Tucker said.

All of Sununu’s eight vetoes were sustained by a majority vote, except for House Bill 1454, which establishes a formula for determining the distance a new landfill has to be from a perennial river, lake, or coastal water.

Versions of the bill have been before lawmakers for a number of years after a new landfill was proposed for Dalton by Vermont-based Casella Waste Systems near Forest Lake, according to a [news report \(https://indepthnh.org/2022/09/15/lawmakers-uphold-all-eight-of-gov-sununu-vetoes/\)](https://indepthnh.org/2022/09/15/lawmakers-uphold-all-eight-of-gov-sununu-vetoes/) by Garry Rayno, InDepthNH.org.

A message seeking comment from Casella wasn’t immediately returned late Friday afternoon.

Dr. Adam Finkel, a resident of Dalton and former member of the EPA Science Advisory Board, said he was grateful to Rep. Murray and others for recognizing that HB 1454 was a simple, 400-word fix to an absolutely glaring mistake in the DES code of regulations.

“Eighty percent of the members of the ‘People’s House’ voted for our bill yesterday, which was an overwhelming message to the state: it might be reasonable to site a new landfill not far from a river or lake, and it might be reasonable to build one in lousy super-porous soil as in a sand and gravel pit– but it’s insane to do both at the same time,” Finkel said.

Reached at the grocery store Friday, Jon Swan, founder of Save Forest Lake and a resident of Dalton, said, “God Bless Rep. Murray and the 266 other elected officials in the State House who recognize the importance of this bill and the efforts of so many behind it!

“You have me walking into the grocery store with tears in me eyes, joyful ones, thank you!”

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