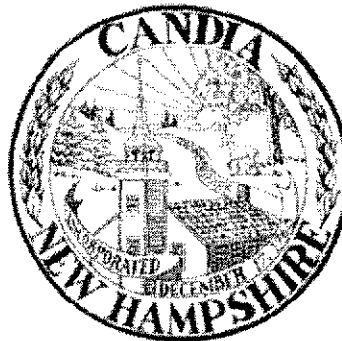


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November 25, 2025

The Honorable Kelly Ayotte
Governor of New Hampshire
State House
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

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

Dear Governor Ayotte,

On behalf of the Candia Conservation Commission, we write to formally express our strong support for your 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 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 border. Our state must not become a regional dumping ground at the expense of our natural resources and rural communities.

Furthermore, the Candia Conservation Commission adamantly opposes any proposal that would remove or diminish local control from municipal land use boards. Our 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 Governor's leadership in bringing attention to these pressing issues and your continued commitment to responsible environmental policy. Candia 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith Lindsey".

Judith Lindsey, Chair
Candia Conservation Commission