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Judy Aron, Chair
House Environment and Agricultural Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 301
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

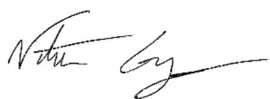
RE: Letter of Concern about HR 13, opposing the permitting of a landfill next to Forest Lake State Park in Dalton, New Hampshire.

Dear Chair Aron and Honorable Members of the House Environment and Agriculture Committee:

The Business and Industry Association (BIA) has concerns about HR 13, opposing the permitting of a landfill next to Forest Lake State Park in Dalton, New Hampshire. That resolution requests the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), the governor, and the attorney general take legal action against the permitting of the Granite State Landfill. A resolution advocating that New Hampshire government extend its powers in opposition to a single project and beyond that which is allowed by law, sends a troubling, albeit non-binding message, to the regulated business community.

Government agencies play a critical role in regulating various aspects of society, including natural resources and public health, and in doing so, enforcing laws, providing services to the public, and carrying out policies. A resolution that would propose NHDES, the governor and the attorney general take legal actions in opposition to a project that is in the permitting stages would not only have no legal foundation or purpose, but would also suggest that an applicant can no longer rely on New Hampshire regulatory agencies to perform an unbiased and fair review, free of influence by factors not relevant under the controlling regulations and statutes. As such, BIA is concerned about the chilling effects of this Resolution.

Thank you for your time,



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