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February 24, 2026

The Honorable Judy Aron, Chair
House Environment and Agriculture Committee
Granite Place, Room 153
Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 1478 *An act relative to requiring the Department of Environmental Services to revise the rules for proposed new landfills.*

Dear Chair Aron and Members of the Committee,

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its **support of House Bill 1478**, which requires the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to revise the rules related to new landfills.

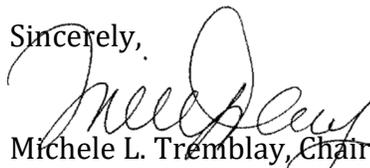
The RMAC supports this bill because

- The state's rivers can be impacted by groundwater contamination from landfill failures;
- These operations are often built along rivers so their impact can be immediate and direct; and
- Rules are needed which provide opportunities for New Hampshire's waste to be landfilled but that also protect the state's water resources.

The RMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to administer RSA 483, the Rivers Management and Protection Program. The Governor and Council appointed Committee is composed of members from business, agriculture, hydroelectric, municipal government, water supply, conservation, recreation, fish and game, and historical interests.

Should you have any questions regarding our testimony in support of HB 1478, feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or MLT@naturesource.net.

Sincerely,


Michele L. Tremblay, Chair

cc: Representatives Potenza, J. Aron, Barbour, Burroughs, N. Germana, Gruber and King, and Senators Fenton, Ricciardi and Rochefort
RMAC Representatives
Robert R. Scott, Commissioner, NHDES