Dear New Hampshire House lawmaker,

On April 7-9, you and your colleagues will take up bi-partisan legislation to ensure the natural preservation of our 68 state parks for residents and visitors to enjoy for generations.

State Parks were established for perpetuity by wise folks decades ago who realized that protecting natural places to recreate, walk and enjoy is an instrumental need for people.

They are an integral part of our state’s tourism industry, protect groundwater resources and are a haven for wildlife, trees and plants.

The idea to set aside New Hampshire’s natural splendors from the Seacoast to the North Country– and everywhere in between -- FOREVER was the goal for these visionaries.

That in simple terms is the thrust of HB 177, a bi-partisan bill to set a 2-mile barrier around state parks from landfill developments.

A landfill’s odors, waters fouled with the feces of scavenger birds, steady noise, blowing dust and trash from heavy truck traffic would be ruinous for any park.

This commonsense bill is an assertion of our right as New Hampshire citizens to Put New Hampshire First — to create a 2-mile buffer around our parks for the public good.

State parks are forever. Please protect them forever. Please pass HB 177!

Sincerely,