

Hello, my name is Adrienne Lee. My husband Ken Lamson and I own and operate New Beat Farm in Knox, Maine, Waldo County. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

I am speaking to you as a farmer, individual, mother and community member who's land, body, daughter and neighbors have been directly impacted by PFAS contamination through the spreading of PFAS laden bio-solids on our farm and neighboring farmland. As you can imagine this contamination has impacted all aspects of my life and will continue to do so.

Knowledge is the most powerful tool we have to manage the new health risks posed to our family and land. Through the exposure to PFAS from our drinking water and soil we are preconditioned to a wide variety of adverse health risks from cancers to high cholesterol. Understanding the level of risk to our bodies requires testing of our blood serum to be able to follow medical screening guidelines for preventive care. We were fortunate to be able to have access to blood serum testing this year that has allowed for our family to receive the preventive screening and testing that we needed. At the level of contamination in our bodies, it is recommended by the National Academy of Science that we screen annually for these levels. While we did do an initial test, it is unlikely that we could afford to take these tests on the annual basis that is recommended.

Beyond our own family we are in a community of affected rural residents and I have spoken directly to many of my neighbors who have not gotten their blood serum tested for PFAS because they couldn't afford the out of pocket cost, as their insurance doesn't call this preventative care and they haven't met their annual deductibles.

LD 132 would allow for all insured Mainers to receive the adequate testing they need to know how to appropriately manage their level of health risks from PFAS exposure.

Thank you for considering this bill today and I urge your to pass LD 132.

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