

**Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION**

**LD 1214**

**An Act to Clarify the Laws to Combat Perfluoroalkyl and  
Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination**

**Public Hearing**

**April 26, 2023**

Honorable Senator Brenner, Chair; Honorable Representative Gramlich, Chair; and Honorable Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **IN OPPOSITION TO LD 1214**. My name is Jacquelyn Elliott and I live in Waterboro and have followed the unfolding horror in Maine with PFAS forever chemicals contamination of our waters, lands, wildlife, and human bodies. I am a long-time environmental health and justice advocate dedicated to the best achievable regulation as can be accomplished for PFAS and other toxics. My advocacy has included recognizing the threats posed by glyphosate and other pesticide applications. [Pesticides](#)<sup>1</sup> are dangerous toxics in and of themselves and pose additional hazards from unregulated proprietary ingredients and the addition of PFAS in formulations. It has been particularly distressing to witness the widespread use of these toxic pesticides and herbicides in the practice of silviculture of our valuable forest resources. An issue that has raised the concerns of Senator Jackson.

**LD 1214** has the effect of weakening regulation and extending the timeline to regulate the toxic PFAS elements of pesticides. That is untenable. PFAS are a [class](#)<sup>2</sup> of thousands of hazardous persistent chemicals found ubiquitously in the environment and bodies all over

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<sup>1</sup> Pesticide Action Network North America, Pesticides 101:

<https://www.panna.org/pesticides-big-picture/pesticides-101>

<sup>2</sup> National Institute of Environmental Health Services, *Your Environment. Your Health. Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)*:

[https://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/materials/perfluoroalkyl\\_and\\_polyfluoroalkyl\\_substances\\_508.pdf](https://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/materials/perfluoroalkyl_and_polyfluoroalkyl_substances_508.pdf)

the world. We must respond intelligently and urgently to this situation. Therefore, I would ask the Committee to **VOTE OUT NOT TO PASS**. Thank you for considering my comments.

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