

Thank you to Chair Brenner and Chair Gramlich, and distinguished members of the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources for the opportunity to listen to my concerns. My name is Ronald Lemin, I am a licensed forester and Maine commercial pesticide applicator living in Bangor, Maine. I would like to express to you my support for LD 1214, "An Act to Clarify the Laws to Combat Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination". This legislation, is appropriately named as it will provide clarity to current law on the definition of "intentionally added PFAS" and "perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances." Refining the definition would help ensure that businesses and companies that operate in our state are able to comply with the law, while ensuring that we have registered products available. Many of the products I currently use are not registered in Maine by the manufacturer. When I ask the manufacturer why, I was informed that they WILL NOT register their products until Maine can define PFAS in a more scientific manner and be more in line with the way EPA is defining PFAS. I ask that the Committee support LD 1214.