



Honorable Joe Baldacci and Honorable Michele Meyer  
Co-Chairs, Joint Committee on Health and Human Services  
Maine Legislature  
State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

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**RE: Oppose Maine LD 1488** *An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells*

April 28, 2023

Dear Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer and Members of the Joint Committee on Health and Human Services,

The American Chemistry Council (ACC) appreciates the opportunity to submit the following comments regarding LD 1488/ HP 493, legislation that would require the testing of well water for PFAS by a landlord of a building supplied by a private drinking water well; would require sellers of property to disclose a water test indicating PFAS; and would require DHHS to add PFAS to the list of contaminants in the uniform testing recommendations for private drinking water wells.

ACC respectfully opposes this bill for the following reasons:

- PFAS are a large class of substances with a wide variety of physical and chemical properties. Not all PFAS have been found to accumulate in the body and only a few have been evaluated for potential impacts on human health.
- It is not appropriate to treat all PFAS the same for the purposes of health assessment and reporting.
- Levels in private wells may be found to exceed the state interim MCL; however those standards have been set to ensure an adequate safety margin. It is not accurate to suggest that the levels of these substances that have been detected in wells are unhealthy.
- In March 2023, the federal EPA announced the proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for six PFAS with the public comment period closing on May 30, 2023. If adopted, this MCL will be a legally enforceable MCL. Maine DEP [states](#) it will review the use of Maine's legally enforceable interim drinking water standard as it relates to the HAs and the development of Maine's and the draft national MCLs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 518-432-7835 or [Margaret\\_gorman@americanchemistry.com](mailto:Margaret_gorman@americanchemistry.com).

Sincerely,

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