

Testimony of Adele Weaver, North Yarmouth, ME  
In SUPPORT of LD 1006, "An Act to Ensure Access to Healthy Drinking Water from  
Household Wells in Rural Maine  
Before the Health and Human Services Committee  
April 28th, 2023

Dear Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer, and members of the Health and Human Services Committee. My name is Adele Weaver. I am a graduating senior at Greeley High School in Cumberland, and will be heading to college in Maine in the Fall. Please accept this testimony in support of LD 1006, which would help expand access to clean drinking water to low income Mainers.

This year, I was part of the Greely Solve for Tomorrow STEM competition team where we were State Champions, working to address the nationwide PFAS crisis. We have worked with PFAS researchers at the University of Maine, Orono (Dr. Apul and Dr. Chardhoury), who are experts in this field and provided us with crucial information which led to a deeper understanding of the issue. We also met with ECT2, a company at the forefront of remediating PFAS contamination around the country and world.

LD1006 would afford low income Mainers with the ability to test their drinking water for PFAS contamination. This is extremely valuable because the price of testing for PFAS is often as expensive as \$500. This bill levels the playing field and helps address socioeconomic disadvantages which will ensure a healthier Maine.

I hope you consider the impact of this bill on future generations and do what is right for the citizens of Maine. I urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 1006.

Sincerely,

Adele Weaver  
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