

Testimony of Adele Weaver - North Yarmouth, ME
In SUPPORT of LD 1488, 'An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl & Polyfluoroalkyl
Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells'
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 graduating from Greely High School this year and heading to college in Maine in the fall. Please accept this testimony in support of LD 1214, which would help protect renters and home buyers from PFAS exposure.

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.

LD1488 would require landlords to test their water for PFAS and provide the renter with the results of that testing. Currently, landlords can and have refrained from communicating the results to the renter which is a risk to the renter's health. In order to guarantee the safety and security of renters in Maine, it is imperative that the water has been tested and the results are communicated.

I hope you consider the impacts 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 1488.

Sincerely,

Adele Weaver
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