

Testimony in Opposition to LD 1960, *An Act to Support Farming in Maine by Extending the Deadline for Manufacturers of Products Containing Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Report on Those Products*

To: Sen. Jackson, and Members of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

From: Laura Hepner, Waldo, Maine

Senator Jackson, and members of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, my name is Laura Hepner, I am 16 and I live in Waldo. I am writing to express my concern about efforts to weaken Maine's laws on PFAS in pesticides.

Having grown up in Waldo county, several members of our community have had to stop farming their land due to PFAS contamination in the soil and groundwater. I am extremely fortunate that my family's farm was never spread with PFAS. I have not grown up drinking water and eating fresh food that was contaminated with PFAS, and have not had to live with the health risks. Some children growing up on farms in Maine have not been so lucky. There is no justification for spraying PFAS on land or food, and Maine has a thoughtful plan to insure agricultural products are no longer contaminated with PFAS.

Please vote "ought not to pass" on LD 1960.

Thank you for your time,

Laura Hepner