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LD 1960

I am a full-time resident of Maine and member of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, and a registered voter. I urge you to vote “NOT to pass” on LD 1960, a bill to extend the deadline on reporting by manufacturers of information about PFAS in their products.

LD 1960 would in effect gut Maine's strong policy on PFAS. Currently Maine requires the pesticide and other industries to declare whether their products contain PFAS, and bans the sale of PFAS-containing pesticides and other products by 2030. Maine enacted that policy, including for agriculture, for good reason: these forever chemicals accumulate in the environment and in human bodies and can lead to reproductive and developmental effects, and other harmful health impacts, according to EPA and other sources.

We must continue to curb the harmful impacts of PFAS and prevent their dissemination and accumulation in the first place, including through farming.

Please protect Maine farms, food, and families, and vote “NOT to pass” on LD 1960.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.