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LD 222

My name is Derek Pelletier, and I am a parent and long-time resident of Portland. I am writing in strong support of the three bills regulating AFFF storage and disposal: LD 400, which seeks to establish reporting requirements for AFFF storage, LD 222, which creates a take-back program for AFFF to ensure safe collection, storage, and disposal, and LD 407, which ensures the removal of all remaining AFFF from Brunswick Landing by 2026.

I'm an aquatic ecologist and am concerned that these substances, upon release, persist in the environment with the potential to adversely impact ecosystem and human health. They need to be managed carefully until safe disposal options can be identified.