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Senator Denise Tepler  
Representative Victoria Doudera  
Members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee

RE: LD 222 – A-FFF Collection, Safe Storage and Contained Disposal

Dear Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Brunswick Town Council to express Brunswick's support of LD 222 to establish safe storage, collection, and disposal protocols for A-FFF (Aqueous Film-Forming Foam).

**The Problem:** On August 19, 2024, the Brunswick Executive Airport and surrounding properties that were part of the former Brunswick Naval Air Station (including land outside of the BNAS boundaries) were subject to a toxic spill of 1450 gallons of A-FFF concentrate mixed with 50,000 gallons of water. This toxic mixture has contaminated fresh waterways including the Androscoggin River and coastal watersheds which flow into Brunswick's saltwater working waterfront. The long-term effects on these waterways and the communities in Brunswick and the Mid-coast Region that rely on them are still being investigated.

At Brunswick Executive Airport in recent years there have been 3 A-FFF spills: in Hangar 6 (2012); in Hangar 4 (2019); and, again in Hangar 4 (in 2024). Even with mitigation efforts currently underway, there is no guarantee that harmful spills or leaks will not occur again. Facilities like Maine's airports and fire departments that store AFFF are at risk of leaks and spills as long as these chemicals are in place. No safe removal or disposal options are currently in place for Brunswick Landing.

**The Solution:** Removing, safely storing, and disposing of A-FFF will be costly, but likely less than the costs involved with clean-up of another leak or spill. This is another opportunity for Maine's Government to demonstrate real concern for the public's health and safety.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Brunswick Town Council