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Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Maine Legislature

Re: Support for LD 400 Reporting Requirement, LD 222: AFFF Take-Back Program, and LD 407 Brunswick Landing Cleanup by 2026.

Dear Chairperson Doudera and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my concern about the recent contamination of my well water. I am a citizen of the United States and proudly served in the military for twenty years. I am a resident of the state of Maine, and I am a community member and neighbor in the Town of Brunswick, where I raised my family and buried my first wife. I pay my taxes to the country and state, follow the laws, and try to treat others with respect and dignity. I am now retired and have been living a good life that I think I have earned and deserve, and I expect that my town, state, and country will help me continue to achieve that good life.

Unfortunately, my good life took a bad turn in August 2024 when Hanger 4 on the Brunswick Landing spilled AFFF foam. As we know, 1,450 gallons of AFFF concentrate mixed with 50,000 gallons of water leaked into the environment, contaminating Mere Brook, Harpswell Cove, and the Androscoggin River. This was not just the largest AFFF spill in Maine history it was the sixth largest in the nation. According to Maine DEP testing my well contains toxic PFAS Chemicals which I am sure is a result of the AFFF spill at the Brunswick Landing in August 2024.

This incident has had a significant impact on my life and well-being, and it is evident that this matter requires urgent attention and action from not only the local authorities and the community at large, but on a larger stage that includes the state and federal government.

I am writing in strong support of 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 believe that it is crucial for us to work together to find effective solutions to this issue and ensure the well-being of our community.

Please, assure me that you will fix my poisoned drinking water and let me live the good life that I deserve.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

James A. Carslick