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Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Maine Legislature

Re: Support for the LD 400, LD 222, and LD 407

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

I am writing to express my strong support for LD 400, LD 222, and LD 407. My family of four has called Brunswick home for the past 25 years, and for the last 12 years, we have lived in a house near Bowdoin College, less than half a mile northwest of the Brunswick Landing perimeter.

The August 2024 spill involving toxic PFAS-laden firefighting foam was deeply concerning, and I am especially worried about the potential impact these "forever chemicals" may have on our drinking water wells. Medical studies have linked PFAS exposure to serious health risks, and the spill—one of the largest in the nation—will undoubtedly have long-lasting effects on our health, local wildlife, water quality, and recreational activities.

LD 400, which mandates reporting requirements for AFFF storage, LD 222, which establishes a take-back program for safe collection and disposal of AFFF, and LD 407, which ensures the removal of all remaining AFFF from Brunswick Landing by 2026, are all critical steps in preventing further contamination. These bills represent a proactive approach to protecting Maine's waterways and safeguarding public health.

I urge you to support these bills and take decisive action to prevent further harm from PFAS chemicals. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jeraldine Herrera
Brunswick Resident, Landlord and Parent

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LD 222

Attached letter in support of the LD 222, LD 400, and LD 407.