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To: Representative Daniel J. Ankeles, Senator Denise Tepler and Representative Victoria Doudera, Chairs of the Committee On Environment and Natural Resources, and the other Honorable members of the Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Regarding: Testimony in support of LD 407, An Act to Prohibit the Use of Aqueous Film-forming Foam at the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station

My name is Luke Valleli, and I am a Maine voter and student at the University of Maine. I am writing to urge you to vote in favor of LD 407. Aqueous film-forming foams, and other PFAS substances, are known to have a number of deleterious effects on the health of humans and ecosystems. Furthermore, current research suggests a potential for far broader harm from bioaccumulation and biomagnification of PFAS than is currently understood. In addition to continued efforts to protect Mainers' lives and livelihoods by identifying and remediating lands and waters contaminated by PFAS, it is vital that we prevent further use of PFAS in as many ways as possible. Especially in light of PFAS spill disasters, as happened in September last year at Brunswick, it is clear that the harm from storing and potentially using PFAS outweighs the benefit. Voting in support of this bill is a clear way to show Mainers across the state that you prioritize promoting their health and the health of future Mainers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Luke Valleli