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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 400, Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to Compile a Statewide Inventory of Aqueous Film-forming Foam Concentrate

My name is Luke Valleli, and I am a Maine voter and student at the University of Maine. I am writing to voice my support of LD 400. Especially in light of PFAS spill disasters, as happened in September last year at Brunswick, it is clear that the harm from storing PFAS is a present danger to Maine's residents, lands, and waters. 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. Compiling a statewide inventory of AFFs is key to an effective PFAS management strategy, and it is this sort of determination that makes me view Maine's legislators in such a positive light. I urge you all to ensure that bipartisan support carries this and other PFAS management strategies to fruition.

Respectfully submitted,  
Luke Valleli