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To: 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 222, An Act to Establish a Take-back and Disposal Program for Firefighting and Fire-suppressing Foam to Which Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Have Been Added

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 222. 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. Establishing a program to safely move and dispose of AFFs is key to an effective PFAS management strategy, and it is this sort of determination and problem-solving that makes me view Maine's legislators in such a positive light. I urge you all to work across the aisle and ensure that bipartisan support carries this and other PFAS management strategies to fruition.

Respectfully submitted,

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