

**Testimony before the
Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
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RE: 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

Good morning Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

My name is Nora Bosworth, and I am a Staff Attorney with the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF). CLF's mission is to conserve natural resources, protect public health, and build healthy communities in Maine and throughout New England.

CLF enthusiastically supports LD 222, which establishes a take-back and disposal program for firefighting and fire-suppressing foam containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). This bill is essential to ensuring the safe removal and disposal of hazardous aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF).

The PFAS spill in Brunswick was an environmental disaster, contaminating nearby waterways and threatening soil, groundwater, air quality and public health. The full extent of the damage is still being assessed. LD 222 would prevent such disasters by creating a program to collect an estimated 50,000 gallons of AFFF currently stored around the state. We need a safe collection and disposal system to prevent future spills, and LD 222 would provide these solutions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of LD 222.

Respectfully submitted,

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