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Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Re. Support for LD400 Reporting Requirement , LD222: AFF Take-Back Program, and
LD 407 Brunswick Landing Cleanup by 2026

Dear Chairperson Doudera and concerned Members of the Committee,

I am John Dunn, a Harpswell resident writing in support of the three mentioned bills ensuring clear and stringent requirements for AFFF storage, a responsible take back program for AFFF and the removal of AFFF from the Brunswick Landing by 2026.

The dangers of AFFF are well known, and the risk to the environment was demonstrated most recently by the massive spill of August 2024- and as you also know- these are 'forever' chemicals with health concerns for humans, and the wildlife of the area. The extent of the damage is still being assessed (as far as I know) and the interaction with other environmental toxins is little understood.

It is clear that there are cleaner alternatives to these chemicals and that a careful mitigation of existing stores is very possible. Please put the long term care of the local population and the environment ahead of any short-term profits or so-called savings.

Thank You

Sincerely,

John Dunn