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## Testimony in Opposition 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**

Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera and distinguished members of The Joint Standing Committee on Environmental and Natural Resources. My name is William St. Michel, I am the retired Fire Chief of The Town of Durham and currently The Executive Director for Maine Fire Chiefs' Association. Maine Fire Chiefs Association is in opposition of LD 222.

Maine Fire Chiefs' Association strongly supports a take-back and disposal concept, however, we feel that until we have an accurate inventory the programs outlined in LD 222 would need to be based on best guesses rather than facts. LD 222 refers to third party contracts which would be written based on best guesses. There is not an accurate inventory list of the amounts and locations of Aqueous film-forming foam concentrate in the State. We feel a quantification survey as referenced in LD 400 needs to be step one.

We ask that you do not support LD 222 at this time!

Thank You!

Respectfully,  
William St. Michel  
Executive Director  
Maine Fire Chiefs' Association