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LD 130
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To: Senator Ingwersen, and honorable members of the committee,
From: Edward Nachamie

Re: An Act to Establish the PFAS Response Program and to Modify the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination

My name is Edward Nachamie and I live in Orono, Maine. I attend the University of Maine at Orono and am studying Ecology and Environmental Sciences. For the past 5 months, I have been working on a paper chronicling the legislative history of PFAS regulation in Maine and throughout the United States. My research has shown me that these compounds pose a profound and existential threat to the health of millions of Americans. The problems which farmers across the state are dealing with as they investigate and come to terms with real cases of contamination require support from the legislature. More research needs to be done to identify solutions for farmers who are struggling with contamination, whether this takes the form of technical assistance or alternative vegetable production or livestock raising strategies. LD 130's capacity to increase testing support for farmers throughout the state will be vital in identifying and preventing further exposure to PFAS compounds. Codifying support for the PFAS Response Program will expand the above resources to help protect the quality of the environment and support the future livelihoods of farmers. Please support and ensure the passage of LD 130.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Nachamie