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LD 582

Among other dangerous chemicals, PFAS exposure has impacted Maine in a big way---contaminated farms and leakage in Brunswick has everybody concerned. I am a breast cancer survivor with no genetic markers for cancer. Where did my breast cancer come from? Probably environmental causes. That is why we need LD 582 so that people at risk can be tested for their exposure to PFAS with a blood serum test covered by insurers.

Maine is a leader in protecting its citizens from toxic exposure. I know because I've worked in a coalition to strengthen laws governing chemicals here in Maine (Alliance for a Clean and Healthy Maine). The study, Body of Evidence, 2007, showed the toxic load that we carry as a result of environmental exposure. We have the data that implicates PFAS in many health conditions. Testing is a necessity for people with high risk so that they can take steps to reduce the likelihood of a bad health outcome. Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson, and members of the Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services Committee, please vote in favor of LD 582. Thank you!