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My name is Donna Champagne O'Keefe , grandmother to 1, great grandmother to 2. I live in Phillips, and I support SB 825 for the preservation of a clean atmosphere.

The Global Change Research Act was cited in the 2023 Office of Science and Technology Policy Report, Congressionally Mandated Research Plan and an Initial Research Governance Framework Related to Solar Radiation Modification(SRM), relative to federal coordination and funding of Solar Radiation Modification (SRM) through the US Global Change Research Program (USGCRP).

Yet, The American people and Mainers never gave consent for the modification of our weather or polluting atmospheric experimentation.

Activities which would intentionally pollute the air and environment - such as cloud seeding experiments and weather modification which must be forbidden in Maine. Please support SB 825.

Since 2023, Phillips has had persistent dense cloud cover, very little sun, dry soil conditions, poor harvests, poor air quality, excessive rain and flooding. My husband and I have experienced low grade headache, issues related to breathing the harmful irritants in the environment, coughing, clearing our throats, etc. We saw a change in vegetation, impacted harvests, all beginning since 2023.

"In August 2023, the U.S. Department of Defense issued a legislatively-required report to Congress on the uses of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) that the military considers "critical to the national security of the United States." The detailed 27-page report contains a single reference to chaff – identifying it as a kinetic (active warfare) capability requiring a "direct use of PFAS." The report affirms that PFAS is an "ingredient" in chaff.[1][2]"

"The US Department of Air Force defines "legacy" chaff and flare units as those deployed during the past 40 years.[14] Unless challenged, PFAS-laden chaff will continue to be part of our future."

Reference #1 includes map of military research:

https://cswab.org/does-u-s-military-chaff-contain-pfas/?fbclid=IwY2xjawI97stleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHcn6r5y_eGbAT378G-K6WomgBta47RDplriBTQvBcNeeUiqiLJ1G-WviJA_aem_08TXK_CE3sOg7pJ26DOIVw

Reference #2 Military use of pfas is extensive in testing with no less toxic alternative available:

https://www.acq.osd.mil/eie/eer/ecc/pfas/docs/reports/Report-on-Critical-PFAS-Substance-Uses.pdf?fbclid=IwY2xjawI970lleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHapec4DgDKEbyQvhQXI0hI4GNoGmoH3gKQaScTOEZMWjCpIqhdX8oK-d9Q_aem_Po5E9qe-6EWKv5KdXsLfQw