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Dear members of the committee,

Please support LD 582. I worked on a farm for three years that turned out to be highly contaminated with PFAS and initially didn't see much reason to get a blood test because I knew my levels would be high, there wouldn't be anything to do about it, and the test was very expensive.

However, now that it is possible to take Cholestyramine to lower PFAS blood levels, I got tested and will again at the end of the twelve week course of the medicine. While it doesn't necessarily remove the health risks, the PFAS wouldn't be passed on to any future children. I'm grateful that my insurance covered the test, and I now have valuable information about what is actually in my body and the ability to remove it. I hope you will support this bill so that anyone who has potential health risks from PFAS contamination can access this important monitoring tool for preventative care and know that their insurance will cover it. Thank you for your consideration.