

**Testimony Against LD 827/LD987 and Amendment to both
An Act to Allow the Sale of Polymer-coated Cookware That Is Authorized for
Food Contact by the United States Food and Drug Administration
From Dianne Wilkins**

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Re: Hearing on LD 827 and LD 987

I urge the committee to reject both LD 827 & LD 987. As a lifelong resident of Maine who has tried hard to protect her family from harms, these proposed Bills add insult to years of compounding injury caused by these manufacturers' knowingly exposing us to these PFAS poisons in their products while also continuing to collect ungodly amounts of profits at the expense of our health.

Every citizen of this state, especially our children, should have PFAS testing of their blood paid for by these unscrupulous manufacturers who have poisoned us for generations since most of us, if not everyone, has used non-stick pans, had children play on artificial turf, and used farm or garden equipment for decades. Also shame and disgrace on the local as well as the U.S. EPA & FDA for not protecting us and stopping this epidemic level harm a long time ago.

The Maine PFAS phase out bill passed 3 years ago and was absolutely too lenient on these manufacturers by only requiring that they "disclose" rather than stop producing and/or selling these toxic products to us. The phase out gave them years to keep poisoning before they had to comply with merely disclosure.

It really should not be a surprise that childhood & adult cancers, autism, and chronic diseases in the US are at record levels never seen before in our history when manufacturers are allowed to get away with continuing to mass poison Americans.

I urge this committee to reject both LD827 & LD987 without exceptions and suggest that the committee decide that not only do manufacturers have to immediately comply with "disclosure" but also ask that the committee amend the Phase-Out bill to immediately require that all manufacturers stop selling products in Maine that contain PFAS, period.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Please see my attached testimony against LD827 & LD987 without exceptions in pdf format.