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LD 827

My name is Jill Saxby and I live in Cape Elizabeth. I'm submitting this testimony to urge you to vote ought not to pass on LD 827. This is another example of attempts at "death by a thousand cuts" of Maine's PFAS law. LD 827 would provide an exemption for any polymer-coated cookware that is FDA approved. However, weaker FDA regulations -- in addition to the current firehose of chaos roiling the federal agencies in general these days -- means that, effectively, LD 827 would allow many types of cookware shown to be a danger to health and the environment to be exempt. Such cookware sheds and deteriorates into microplastics and at high heat emits toxic chemicals. Even at the end of its useful life cycle, there is no way to get rid of such cookware that doesn't further harm the environment with microplastics and dangerous "forever chemicals." For the sake of our already overburdened environment and bodies, please vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD 827. Thank you.