

**Testimony of Ashley Luszczki**  
**Before the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resource**  
**In Support of L.D. 987, An Act Clarifying Exemptions from the Notification Requirements**  
**for Products Containing PFAS**  
**March 17, 2025**

Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resource, my name is Ashley Luszczki. I am here on behalf of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, which represents a network of over 5,000 businesses located across the state. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of L.D. 987, An Act Clarifying Exemptions from the Notification Requirements for Products Containing PFAS, as proposed to be amended.

In the fall of 2023, at the Committee's request, the Chamber worked collaboratively with the Department of Environmental Protection and Defend Our Health to bring forward language amending Maine's PFAS in Products law. This collective effort resulted in legislation designed to protect public health, the environment, and Maine's economy. We are thankful for the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature's unanimous support of L.D. 1537 - without changes to Public Law 2021, c. 477, there would have been a ban on the sale of *all* products containing PFAS in 2030.

During the final work session on L.D. 1537 in March 2024, there was a request to include off-road vehicles and equipment for purposes such as construction and forestry. While some members showed receptiveness to this addition, it was evident that the committee was inclined to move the bill forward. As a result, this language was left out although the exemption was consistent with the spirit of other components of L.D. 1537. The Chamber believes that this exemption aligns with similar provisions for other vehicles and, therefore, supports its inclusion. We would encourage the Committee to work with the Department on ensuring the scope of the law is clear. As currently drafted, we believe the scope of this legislation is broad and goes beyond what was discussed last session. We are, however, supportive of the more limited language as proposed in the sponsors amendment.

Thank you for your consideration. We urge you to support L.D. 987 as amended.