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LD 25

Dear Senator Rotundo, Representative Gattine, and members of the Committee,
I am writing in strong support of LD 25 – An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund Wastewater Treatment Facility Planning and Construction of Infrastructure Projects.

Maine made the right decision in banning the land application of PFAS-laden sludge to protect our food, water, and health. But this necessary step has created a pressing need: we must now manage this toxic waste safely and effectively. LD 25 provides a smart, long-term solution.

As a parent, I want to know that our food and water are free from toxic chemicals.

By funding the installation of dryers, digesters, and pilot treatment programs at wastewater treatment facilities, this bond will reduce sludge volume, lower disposal costs, and help prevent further contamination of our environment. The Maine DEP will ensure that funds are directed where they are needed most and where they can have the greatest impact.

I want to be sure Maine continues leading the way on PFAS protections, and this bill helps us do just that.

Clean water and healthy communities are vital to Maine's future. I urge you to support LD 25 and invest in the infrastructure we need to protect public health, our environment, and our economy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.