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Members of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee:

My name is Derek Pelletier and I'm writing to urge your support for LD25. I grew up in Lewiston and now live in Portland with my family. I'm an aquatic ecologist and am concerned about the risks associated with continued releases of PFAS to our waterways. LD25 provides much needed funds to help wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) safely manage PFAS-laden sludge using proven treatment technologies. Ideally, the producers of these substances should be reimbursing the public for the extraordinary expense required to manage the products that they produce and profit from. Regardless, our WWTPs are currently left to foot the bill of landfilling their sludge, passing those expenses on to us, their ratepayers. Please support LD25 which will help lay the groundwork for more sustainable approaches for managing PFAS-laden sludge.