

Testimony in Support of  
LD 1177, Resolve, Establishing a 3-year Moratorium on the Installation or Reinstallation  
of Synthetic Turf and Requiring a Study of the Public Health and Environmental  
Risks of Synthetic Turf Before the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and  
Natural Resources  
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Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and Esteemed Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, my name is Mattie Daughtry. I serve as President of the Maine Senate and proudly represent Senate District 23, including Brunswick, Freeport, Harpswell, Pownal, Chebeague Island, and Yarmouth.

This is not a new issue in Maine. We have been working on solutions to the negative impacts of plastics, microplastic and PFAS in our environment for the decade I have been in the Legislature. I am proud of how Maine has led on these issues in a bipartisan way during this time.

I support this bill's thoughtful approach to preventing environmental and public health harm at a time when we can prevent costly and problematic issues, especially among Maine students.

I have been passionate about this particular issue since I began to learn about the serious concerns related to artificial turf. Not only is artificial turf harmful to stormwater systems, costly to maintain, and known to cause more injuries amongst athletes, as you will hear from biologists today, there is serious concern to Maine students if we do not act.

This committee will grapple with how we dispose of PFAS waste and spend a lot of time discussing policies around our landfills this session. We have the ability to prevent concerning materials from entering our communities and our state and from entering our waste stream.

I want to ensure Maine is the best place to live, work and raise a family. We move Maine one step closer for Maine families and children when we pass this bill. Thank you.