Edward Nachamie Orono, ME LD 1111 Monday, April 14th, 2025

To: Representative RUDNICKI of Fairfield, and honorable members of the committee, From: Edward Nachamie

Re: An Act to Provide Water Service Infrastructure to Fairfield Residents Affected by Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

My name is Edward Nachamie and I live in Orono, Maine. I attend the University of Maine at Orono and am studying Ecology and Environmental Sciences. For the past 6 months, I have been working on a paper chronicling the legislative history of PFAS regulation in Maine and throughout the United States. My research has shown me that these compounds pose a profound and existential threat to the health of millions of Americans. Drinking water utilities across the country have begun to grapple with the reality of PFAS contamination in their water supplies. To keep Mainers safe, we need to support our water utilities to expand water service infrastructure. Additionally, because of the high instance of well usage in Maine, we also must apportion funds to support well users and protect them from PFAS contamination. Appropriating funds for the purpose of protecting Mainers from PFAS contamination is only going to get more important. Please support and make sure LD 1111 passes.

Respectfully submitted, Edward Nachamie