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Testimony Neither For Nor Against LD 493

(“An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells”)

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Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, my name is Andy Cashman. I am the Founder of Resolve Government Relations. We represent the Maine Association of REALTORS®, a professional trade association established in 1936 with over 6,500 members statewide. REALTORS® protect private property rights, build Maine communities, and grow our state’s economy. Our members represent buyers and sellers involved in both residential and commercial real estate transactions. Our membership also includes industry affiliates, such as lenders, closing agents, title agents, appraisers, building inspectors, surveyors, etc. The Maine Association is chartered by the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), the largest trade association in the country.

The Maine Association of REALTORS® is neither for nor against LD 493. If passed, the bill would require landlords to periodically test well water used by their tenants for the presence of not only PFAS but several other chemicals as well.

While we recognize the growing concern around these contaminants, and the value of testing to health and safety, this requirement would have a drastic impact on the capacity of the testing infrastructure. The bill as currently drafted will exponentially increase the testing requirement, and laboratories in our state may not be equipped to meet the required demand within reasonable time constraints.

We ask that you balance the health benefits of increased testing requirements with the capacity of the testing infrastructure and recommend further analysis of current testing procedures before any new mandates can be implemented. In addition, property owners should be afforded time to prepare for the financial impact of testing which will likely result in increased costs. This cost could be passed onto tenants to cover expenses associated with mandated testing.

We respectfully urge consideration of these concerns in your deliberation of LD 493. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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