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LD 1604

My name is Noami Brautigam. I am a resident of Monroe. My partner, James Gagne, and I own and operate Second Frost Farm. Please accept this testimony in support of LD 1604, An Act to Protect Groundwater and Surface Waters from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances from Landfill Leachate.

Maine currently does not have set limits for PFAS disposal into waterways. LD 1604, which would require wastewater plants to test and disclose the amount of PFAS in their leachate regularly, is a critical step that would provide the transparency we need to improve Maine's waste management practices.

As we understand more and more about the severe health implications of PFAS, it is critical that we are able to identify and work to mitigate contamination into our water and communities. Treating leachate for PFAS before it is discharged is not only a commonsense way to protect us all, but it is also much more effective and less expensive than cleaning up downstream contamination.

I support LD 1604 because we all deserve access to clean water.

I urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 1604.

Thank you for your time,

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