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LD 1604

Good morning.

My name is Christine Herrick Fowler, and I am a Millinocket native who has lived in Belfast for the past two decades.

I'm writing in support of LD 1604, An Act to Protect Groundwater and Surface Waters from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances from Landfill Leachate. These PFAS chemicals are toxic for humans and other living things, and the state has the right and the responsibility to protect current and future generations from the impact of these chemicals in our waterways.

As you know, leachate from landfills can contaminate our surface water, groundwater, and drinking water, and while other pollutants are regulated, Maine does not currently have limits for the disposal of PFAS into our waterways.

With LD 1604, you have a chance to dramatically reduce the PFAS pollutants that enter our waterways from landfill leachate — for the benefit of all of your constituents.

It makes good sense to require testing and reporting regarding levels of PFAS at the landfills. It also makes good sense to set limits on the amount of PFAS pollutants that may be discharged from a wastewater treatment plant.

My family has lived on or near the Penobscot River watershed for seven generations, and I want my son's great-great-great grandchildren to be able to do the same. PFAS contamination threatens that future, and I am grateful that we have the chance to take positive action through this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your vital work on this Environment and Natural Resources committee.

Sincerely,
Christine H Fowler