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**Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**  
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**Re: Support for LD 1786 An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Provide Certain Information Regarding Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to the Public and Private Drinking Water Well Owners**

Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of LD 1786, An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Provide Certain Information Regarding Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to the Public and Private Drinking Water Well Owners.

I wholeheartedly support the proposed legislation regarding the disclosure of information related to PFAS in private drinking well water. This bill is a crucial step toward safeguarding public health and ensuring that residents are informed about potential contaminants in their drinking water. One of the most pressing issues surrounding PFAS is the confusing landscape of federal and state standards, which can often leave private well owners uncertain about the safety of their water. By mandating that the Department of Environmental Protection provide clear and accessible information about PFAS levels, current federal standards, and the more stringent federal maximum contaminant levels, this legislation will help demystify these differences and provide clarity to residents.

The lack of uniformity between federal and state guidelines can lead to misunderstandings and complacency regarding water safety. Many residents may not realize that the standards set by the Department of Environmental Protection may not adequately protect them, given the more stringent federal standards. By ensuring that well owners receive comprehensive information that highlights these discrepancies, we empower them to take appropriate action to safeguard their health and that of their families. The transparency this legislation promotes is essential for fostering community trust and enabling proactive measures to mitigate the risks associated with PFAS contamination. In a time when environmental health is of utmost concern, this bill represents a necessary commitment to protecting the well-being of Maine's residents.

I urge you to vote "ought to pass" on LD 1786.

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