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Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Maine Legislature

Re: Support for LD 2115 An Act to Protect Private Wells from Hazardous Substances

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

I am writing in support of LD 2115, An Act to Protect Private Wells from Hazardous Substances.

I strongly support this bill because everyone who relies on a private well deserves safe drinking water, particularly when their well contamination is the result of a toxic source that is beyond their control. Limiting the help only to areas tied to sludge spreading leaves out neighbors whose wells tested positive for PFAS after industrial discharges, firefighter foam use, or other sources; this inequality leaves residents at an unnecessary and unfair risk to their health and safety.

Please expand eligibility so funding and cleanup reach all residents with PFAS-contaminated wells. That support would be meaningful in Brunswick, where residents near the former Brunswick Naval Air Station already face contamination or the threat of future contamination due to decades of pollution by the Navy (and more recently by the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority). However, the resources that this legislation would provide for the Department of Environmental Protection are needed for the well-being of residents throughout Maine. This ability to offer filters, bottled water, or connections to clean water to the families who need them most is necessary to address these challenges.

I urge you to vote "ought to pass" on LD 2115.

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