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Honorable Members of the Committee,

Thank you for accepting my written testimony.

I am a resident of Brunswick, Maine and live in a neighborhood approximately 1.5 miles from the old Navy base. My well water is contaminated with PFAS. The average of three tests show 10.4 parts per trillion total Maine PFAS. I installed a PFAS filtration system at a cost of \$2,905 and must perform yearly testing at a cost of \$85 to monitor the system. The system will exhaust its capacity in a number of years and need an expensive refresh.

After the terrible hangar spill, I made the effort to contact as many of the 64 residences in the neighborhood asking them to test their wells and share the results with me. Fourteen neighbors came forward with test results at considerable personal expense. Ten (10) of the fourteen (14) wells tested positive for PFAS at levels greater than 4ppt. That means seventy one percent (71%) of the wells in the neighborhood have PFAS contamination greater than the current Maine limit of 4ppt.

The PFAS contamination in our residential wells is a public health crisis. All the wells anywhere near the old Navy base should undergo certified testing paid for by the state of Maine. And Maine should assist in paying for mitigation of PFAS contamination when discovered. The state of Maine can, of course, seek repayment by the polluters. Ordinary citizens like my self cannot afford to sue the federal government for redress.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Best regards,  
Rob Whitehouse