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**In Support of LD 2115("An Act to Protect Private Wells from Hazardous Substances")**

**J. Andrew Cashman on behalf of the Maine Association of REALTORS®**

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Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, my name is Andy Cashman. I am the Founder of Resolve Government Relations. We represent the Maine Association of REALTORS®, a professional trade association established in 1936 with over 6,500 members statewide. REALTORS® protect private property rights, build Maine communities, and grow our state's economy. Our members represent buyers, sellers and owners of residential and commercial real estate. Our membership also includes industry affiliates, such as lenders, closing agents, title agents, appraisers, building inspectors, surveyors, and others involved in the real estate industry. The Maine Association is chartered by the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), the largest trade association in the country.

The Maine Association of REALTORS® supports LD 2115. If passed, the bill would change the Land Application Contaminant Monitoring Fund to the Well Contamination Response Fund which would provide funding for private drinking water wells impacted by PFAS and other hazardous substances. Funding would provide testing, remediation, treatment systems, connection to water utilities, and bottled water.

We recognize the growing concern and dangers of PFAS and other hazardous contaminants that can impact water quality and safety. We support this proposal which would secure state resources to fund preventative measures and remediation tools for well-owners. Housing affordability and inventory remain a central focus as we discuss our state's policy needs. Being able to support existing property owners as they navigate the safety of their property's infrastructure ensures we are able to keep Mainers in their homes. This support is an essential resource to preserving existing housing supply and ensuring our citizens have access to safe drinking water.

We respectfully urge you to vote in favor of LD 2115. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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