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Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs and members of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. I am State Representative Mike Soboleski.

I don't believe there's anyone in our state who hasn't heard the term PFAS. But, very few understand exactly what a PFAS is, why we can't live without it, why we need to limit it in our environment, or where we are now in that effort now. The two most common PFAS are Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl, also known as PFOA and PFOS

To date - Maine has invested approx. \$100 million dollars into PFAS removal, we have approx. \$18 Million left in the PFSA remediation fund. Study after study has been done from: A Industry perspective on PFAS Reporting and Compliance, DEP Statewide investigation, Response, water systems, mitigation, in blood levels, on and on and on, even PFAS in fish. Why? Because we want to identify where it is, remediate and eliminate it from the environment. We've passed law after law relating to:

PFAS Substances Contamination in the State ---- PFAS in Products

To stop PFAS Substances Pollution ----- PFAS in land and groundwater, and more.

What LD 451 does by requiring advanced testing, completion testing after 1 year, and ongoing testing every 5 years is ensure the clean-up of PFAS contaminants moves forward.

There is PFAS in Solar Poly-panels(outer layers and backings), tapes and adhesives, in wind turbines(paint and polystyrene foam coating), the structural framing of mounts, concrete(surface sealers), painted signage, leakage from vehicles and equipment on the site for maintenance, and more.

As a member of the Environmental and Natural Resource Committee I've studied PFAS for over two years. We are making progress. The current allowable base-line level for ground and water is 20 PPT. Of the farm sites contaminated by the dumping of sludge, nearly 40% are now at a point where they are being moved from constant testing (every 3 months) to annual testing as they are now testing below base-line standard. We have also made advances in PFAS in water, 495 water filtration systems

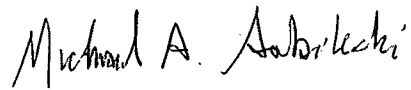
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have been installed. 83% of the wells in the testing system are now below Base-line levels, of the remaining 17% only 7% are still testing above a 100PPT level.

Adding materials and equipment to our environment that leaves more PFAS in ground soil and water without monitoring, testing, and remediation undoes the good remediation work we have accomplished over the last five years. It is our duty to remain diligent and responsible, and eliminate PFAS everywhere we can.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Soboleski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'S'.

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State Representative