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Testimony in opposition to LD987, *An Act Clarifying Exemptions from the Notification Requirements for Products Containing PFAS*

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Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera and distinguished member of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, my name is Cathy Breen. I am the Director of Government Affairs at Maine Conservation Voters (MCV), a statewide non-profit organization with 13,000 members and supporters that is building a just, thriving future for all by acting on the climate crisis, protecting the environment, and safeguarding our democracy. I'm speaking in opposition to **LD987, *An Act Clarifying Exemptions from the Notification Requirements for Products Containing PFAS***.

Over the past five years, Maine has emerged as a national leader in facing the risks and challenges of “forever chemicals” like PFAS. And this is largely due to the hard work of this committee. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is in the Rulemaking phase of the PFAS Products Law¹, and I urge this committee not to slow that process down by further amending the statute right now. Furthermore, the list of exempt products and materials in this bill would either weaken the statute passed in 2021 and amended in 2023 or exempt products that are already exempt, such as farm equipment. LD987 is unnecessary and could interfere with the DEP's implementation of Maine's PFAS Product Law. I urge you to vote Ought Not to Pass. Thank you for your consideration.

¹ <https://www.maine.gov/dep/spills/topics/pfas/PFAS-products/>