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Testimony of Representative Art Bell in SUPPORT of:

LD 1786: An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Provide Certain Information Regarding Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to the Public and Private Drinking Water Well Owners”.

Before the Environment & Natural Resources Committee ... May 5, 2025

Good afternoon, Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera and fellow colleagues of the Environment & Natural Resources Committee. My name is Art Bell, and I represent House District #103, Yarmouth.

Maine, like the rest of our country (and our planet) has a PFAS crisis. Toxic PFAS are contaminating our environment and threatening public health throughout our society, emanating from all parts of our economy, ranging from agriculture to consumer goods. Maine has been a national leader in addressing contamination from PFAS, and LD 1786 can help us take another step.

Recognizing the significant impacts of these toxic chemicals in our environment, Maine should continue to take important steps to make the public aware of PFAS contamination of our drinking water. LD 1786 outlines straight forward measures that will enable the public to be informed as to possible contamination of both our public and private drinking water.

I urge the Committee to vote “OUGHT to PASS” for LD 1786.