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TESTIMONY REGARDING

L.D. 524

AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO SUBMIT PEST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY LOGS TO THE BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL AND THE POSTING OF INSPECTION RESULTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC

Senator Dill, Representative O'Neil, and members of the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee, I am Victoria Wallack, communications and government relations director for Maine School Management Association, and am here on behalf of the legislative committees of the Maine School Boards Association and Maine School Superintendents Association. School Boards were in support of the bill, and the superintendents were opposed.

Our Risk and Safety Manager Ed Antz, who visits and consults with districts across the state, has contacted Kathy Murray of the Board of Pesticides Control. She clarified that schools already are required to notify the public and keep logs on the use of pesticides.

We anticipate an amendment from the sponsor clarifying the bill.