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To The Maine State Legislature

RE: "LD 1599"

OPPOSED to LD 1159 as it pertains to Certified Applicators

May 3, 2021

Dear Senator Dill, Representative O'Neil and Members of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry,

As a small business, the enacting of rules such as those proposed—to have to report each and every application weekly—would present almost insurmountable difficulty. My little company is stretched to the limits to meet the current demands and requirements from clients, individual towns, and the Maine Board of Pesticides.

As an individual arborist who has been a Certified Applicator since 1988, I have made myself available to provide educational/informational seminars to both communities, homeowner groups, and town councils. Thus, I applaud any effort to expand such efforts from any and all qualified people willing to give of their time as well.

Finally, any measures taken to pull-apart or restructure efforts currently in force by the Maine BPC must pass the test of reasonableness. In my humble opinion, LD 1159, as it applies to Certified Applicators, would simply not.

Sincerely,

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