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Testimony Presenting LD 960 An Act To Require Reporting of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, PFAS, in Products and of Discharges of Firefighting **Foam Containing PFAS**

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Sen. Brenner, Rep. Tucker and esteemed members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, I am Jessica Fay representing the people of House District 66, parts of the towns of Casco, Poland and Raymond. I am pleased to introduce LD 960, "An Act To Require Reporting of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoralkyl Substances, PFAS, in Products and of Discharges of Firefighting Foam Containing PFAS".

I am presenting this bill on behalf of the Department of Environmental Protection. While I was not a member of the Governor's PFAS Task Force, I made a point of either attending in person or listening to each meeting. The work the Task Force did was thorough, organized and difficult. This bill is, in part, a result of some of that work. PFAS, as you are aware, are toxic chemicals that can cause a host of health problems and can remain in our bodies and the environment for very long periods of time. There is not one single solution to the problem they pose, the issue will require a number of actions at both the state and federal level.

Thank you for your time. I am happy to answer any questions.