

April 25, 2023

Honorable Stacy Brenner
Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Cross, Building Room 216
100 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Lori Gramlich
House Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Room 333, State House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Support LD 1214/ SP 495
An Act to Clarify the Laws Related to PFAS Contamination

Dear Chair Brenner, Chair Gramlich, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

The Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association¹ (PIMA) respectfully requests your support of LD 1214/SP 495 that would clarify Public Law 2021 chapter 477, which requires reporting of products with intentionally added PFAS and would ban products with intentionally added PFAS as of January 1, 2023, unless the Department of Environmental Protection determines that the use of PFAS in the product is an unavoidable use.

PIMA supports Maine's interest in protecting the health and wellbeing of the state's citizens and the environment. LD 1214/SP 495 is consistent with this goal while addressing concerns with existing law that would otherwise eliminate critically important uses and benefits of PFAS chemistries. Specifically, LD 1214/SP 495 improves the definitions included in current law, provides for an important one (1) year extension of applicable reporting deadlines, and eliminates unnecessary and duplicative provisions.

PFAS are a critical chemistry to so many industries that operate and do business in Maine. We appreciate the Committee's attention to our concerns and encourage the support of LD 1214/SP 495.

Sincerely,


Justin Koscher
President

¹ PIMA is the North American trade association for manufacturers of polyisocyanurate insulation – a product that is used in the energy-efficient construction of commercial, institutional, and residential buildings. Polyisocyanurate insulation is manufactured in nearly forty (40) facilities across the U.S. and Canada. Manufacturers operate other facilities throughout the region, including a headquarters in Portland, Maine.

Justin Koscher
Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association
LD 1214

Please see attached letter of support for LD 1214 submitted on behalf of the
Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association.