

# PROTECT MAINE'S LANDMARK PFAS PRODUCTS LAW

**LD 1537** will require industry to disclose PFAS in products and phase out unnecessary use.

## **PFAS is harming people, communities, and the environment in Maine – and lawmakers are responding.**

- Maine is in the midst of a PFAS crisis. Toxic PFAS (Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances) are contaminating our environment and threatening public health – especially for the most vulnerable Mainers.
- PFAS has been linked to several health impacts including neurodevelopmental issues in children, decreased fertility, and certain cancers.
- Over 70 farms and over 600 residential wells have been contaminated by toxic PFAS due to its use in everyday consumer products.
- Maine has led the way on policies to reduce sources of PFAS.

## **Industry is trying to weaken Maine's first-in-the-world PFAS products ban.**

- Recognizing the dire impacts of toxic chemicals in the environment, the 130th Legislature unanimously enacted LD 1503, requiring industry to disclose use of PFAS in their products and banning all non-essential uses of PFAS by 2030.
- Chemical companies and other large corporations are now pushing to change the definition of PFAS, which would severely narrow the PFAS chemicals that would be regulated, and to completely do away with the disclosure section of LD 1503.
- Data drives policy. We can't phase out PFAS from products unless we know where they are.

## **We must maintain our commitment to stop toxic PFAS at the source and protect Maine people and the environment.**

- LD 1537 strikes a compromise between the PFAS disclosure and products ban established by LD 1503 and industry efforts to weaken this landmark legislation.
- It amends current law to ban the use of PFAS in several product categories (including cosmetics, textiles, outerwear, and others) before the 2030 deadline in order to ease the administrative burden on the Department of Environmental Protection. It also exempts those product categories from reporting requirements.



- It also extends the deadline for reporting to Jan 1, 2027 in order to harmonize with similar legislation in Minnesota and ease the administrative burden on industry.
- Despite these compromises, industry is lobbying to further weaken Maine's commitment to phasing out PFAS. LD 1537 is a carry-over bill, which gives us limited time to push back against these attacks.



**Support LD 1537. Uphold PFAS Products Disclosure and Phase Out in Maine.**

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## Environmental Priorities Coalition

Maine's **Environmental Priorities Coalition** is an inclusive statewide alliance of 34 conservation, climate action, and public health organizations. Each year we collectively identify a slate of policy priorities to act on the climate crisis, further environmental justice, protect land, water, and wildlife, and cultivate healthy Maine communities.

We are counting on Maine policymakers to protect the extraordinary environment so all people and communities in Maine can thrive.



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