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Comments in Support of HB 1275

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Wendy Thomas, Nancy Murphy, and the Environment and Agriculture Committee;

My name is Eva Westheimer, I am the Northern Region Lead Organizer with Slingshot and I am a farmer. Slingshot is an environmental health and justice organization, we work alongside communities most impacted by environmental threats and build community power. We believe everyone deserves the right to breathe clean air, drink clean water, and live in healthy, vibrant communities, which is why we are testifying in support of HB 1275, an Act relative to the effects of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances on agriculture.

It is well known that PFAS can cause dangerous and deadly health impacts to people. PFAS have been known to cause decreased infant and fetal growth, increased risk of kidney cancer, increased risk of breast cancer, increased risk of testicular cancer, increased risk of pregnancy-induced hypertension among many other harms¹². It is a no-brainer to support HB 1275, which creates a fund for farmers who have experienced harms due to the spreading of sludge containing PFAS on their agricultural land. And to support a moratorium of spreading sludge on farmland as well.

Slingshot coordinates the National PFAS Contamination Coalition and works with communities across New Hampshire who have been impacted by the impacts of PFAS. From our work, one thing is abundantly clear: there is no safe level of PFAS for human consumption³. In many places, farmers have had to completely shut down their operations due to spreading of PFAS containing sludge on their agricultural land⁴. The impacts to the New Hampshire agricultural economy, farmer health, and long term soil health are at risk.

Thank you for considering my comments in support of HB 1275.

Best,

Eva Westheimer

¹ <https://www.nationalacademies.org/read/26156/chapter/1>

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<https://www.iarc.who.int/news-events/iarc-monographs-evaluate-the-carcinogenicity-of-perfluorooctanoic-acid-pfoa-and-perfluorooctanesulfonic-acid-pfos/>

³ https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-ncdwr-presentation_4.9.24_overview.pdf

⁴ <https://landtrustalliance.org/blog/maine-farms-contaminated-with-pfas-get-new-purpose>