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The Honorable Susan Collins
United States Senator for Maine
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Application for Congressionally Directed Spending for Anson Madison Sanitary District
Regional PFAS Treatment Facility

Dear Senator Collins:

I encourage you to consider the Department of Environmental Protection's Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) Request for funding installation of a per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) treatment system at the Anson-Madison Sanitary District a priority project. This request comes from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as part of DEP's larger efforts to address the statewide problem of managing PFAS-containing wastes. There is currently no treatment for millions of gallons of PFAS-contaminated landfill leachate, septage, and manure in Maine, and there is no viable technology for actual destruction of PFAS.

The Anson-Madison Sanitary District (AMSD) would install a PFAS treatment system designed by a Maine-based company in order to serve as a regional PFAS treatment facility. Following closure of the Madison Paper Mill, AMSD now has the capacity to accept wastes from non-utility customers and is willing to fill this critical need for waste management. Spent absorption media from the treatment system will be disposed at the Waste Management Landfill, which sends its leachate to the AMSD, closing the loop on the captured PFAS until destruction technology becomes available. Testing of the treated effluent will demonstrate the effectiveness of the system and will support establishment of other regional treatment facilities across the state.

DEP will be providing \$1 million, the maximum amount of Clean Water State Revolving Fund support it can make available in this funding cycle for this project. An additional \$1 million will also be available if the Legislature approves my Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan, which would



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provide \$25 million for wastewater infrastructure statewide. However, this still would not cover the full costs of this project that will meet an urgent need to protect our citizens and environment.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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