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Dear Sirs,

We would like to give our little contribution to the concept draft for the Maine PFAS in Products Program. Please, consider our next main observations:

- Currently, fluoropolymers fit the PFAS structural definition. However, they have a different safety
 profile if compared to PFAS as non-polymer substances, in terms of environment and health. It may
 be taken into account that fluoropolymers do not raise the same concern as PFAS non-polymer
 substances. In our opinion, the Department should consider the different risks between
 fluoropolymers and non-polymer PFAS to focus its attention on the most impacting substances.
- For the automotive and motorcycle sectors, the choice of fluoropolymers for certain applications is unavoidable to guarantee safety standards. We would like to highlight this point to let the Department consider a possible exemption for the automotive/motorcycle sectors according to the draft definition described in article 2(F).
- Automotive and motorcycle articles are not intended to be disposed of in the urban collection and not to be freely released into the environment.
- It may be useful to set a list of priority products to be aligned with the intentions of other American States. Please, consider evaluating a list of priority products containing PFAS, instead of a generic ban, by 2030.

Thank you for your attention.

Kindest regards,

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