

## **Defend Our Health Action Endorses Governor Janet Mills for Re-Election**

*The first time that Defend Our Health Action has endorsed in the Governor's race*

Portland, ME – [Defend Our Health Action](#) announced today that they are endorsing Governor Janet Mills for re-election. As the action partner of [Defend Our Health](#), we work to prevent harm to Maine families from toxic chemicals in everyday life. Never has that been more important. We need a strong partner in the Governor's office who will fight with us to protect the health and environment of all Mainers.

“Governor Janet Mills has worked tirelessly over the past four years to help protect the health and environment of the people of Maine,” said Sarah Woodbury, Director of Advocacy for Defend Our Health Action. “There is still much work to do to protect Mainers from exposure to toxics like PFAS and arsenic. To do that, we need a Governor that will work to make sure that all Mainers have access to clean drinking water, promote science-based policies to help manage the PFAS crisis, and support PFAS-impacted farmers and well owners. Governor Janet Mills is the best person for the job.”

“I appreciate the support of Defend Our Health,” said Governor Janet Mills. “Under my Administration, Maine is taking strong, nation-leading steps to identify and mitigate the impacts of PFAS, support those who are impacted, and protect the health and wellbeing of Maine people now and into the future. We will continue to work together in the years to come to put the health of Maine people first, knowing that when we deliver clean drinking water and healthy food, we are delivering a brighter state for future generations.”

Maine has been a leader in dealing with the PFAS contamination crisis and Governor Mills has worked in a bipartisan manner with the legislature, Defend Our Health and other organizations, and impacted communities to manage the crisis. One of the first steps that Governor Mills took when elected was to convene a PFAS Task Force to examine the scope of PFAS contamination across the state and provide recommendations to protect the health and environment of all Mainers. She signed into law several bills to protect access to clean drinking water and to reduce exposure to toxic PFAS. She also advocated for \$60 million dollars in the state budget to help farmers and well owners impacted by PFAS contamination. The funding will provide those impacted by PFAS contamination with resources such as income replacement, farm buybacks, and medical monitoring.

“Under the leadership of Governor Mills, Maine has been a national leader in managing the PFAS crisis, putting us far ahead of other states,” Woodbury said. “We at Defend Our Health Action are proud to endorse her in the race for Governor and look forward to the work ahead.”