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LD 2013

Dear Esteemed Committee Members,

We're writing to encourage you to pass LD2013.

Two families in our circle of community have lived for years on land they recently learned was poisoned with PFAS contamination decades ago. Both employ organic growing practices.

One family are farmers, gaining their entire livelihood off land they lovingly and diligently tend, feeding the larger community with what they believed was the most wholesome food possible to produce.

The other family raised a daughter from age 4- 10 on food they grew themselves including the planting of hundreds of fruit and nut trees intending self-sufficiency and vibrant health. Imagine their shock and horror when they learned their blood levels are 400X the "safe" levels of toxic contaminants.

What this means for the health of all these individuals remains to be seen.

Immediate action must be taken by the state to support all those effected by PFAS. Farmers need support to figure out paths forward. Some will need new homes. New livelihoods.

We have to figure out what to do with the land, if it can be remedied or not. The state approved the use of this sludge and must be responsible for all the outcomes. Much work is needed.

Please unanimously pass LD2013, show our commitment to farming in Maine, to a future that includes safe food we grow ourselves. This is the moment to show clearly that we are not giving up on clean food, our precious farmers, or the land itself.

Sincerely,  
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