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To:
Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

From:
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My name is Jim Buckle. My wife, Hannah, and I are the owners of The Buckle Farm in Unity Maine. We are writing in full support of bill LD2013 and asking for your support as well. By supporting this bill, you will play a crucial part in repairing the food system in Maine, helping family farms throughout the state and affirming your support for agriculture. Our friends and peers affected by this contamination are a large part of our rural financial and food economies. While we are only seeing a handful of farms speak out about contamination, we understand that more farms are and will discover PFAS contamination in their food production systems. This support would give immediate relief for affected farms, provide dynamic strategies to keep Maine farms in business, and create greater understanding of the long-term impact of PFAS chemicals in Maine. Please support this bill for the safety and security of Maine farms now and in the future.