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As a farmer myself, I believe that passing LD 2013 is the right thing to do. PFAS contamination has rocked all farmers and we are all just beginning to figure out how big of an issue this is and how many farms have been contaminated. Sludge containing PFAS chemicals have been and still are legally spread on agricultural lands. Without legislation and oversight prohibiting the use of sludge, farmers and landowners unknowingly and unwillingly contaminated lands with these forever chemicals. It is our responsibility as a state to acknowledge the wrong doing and poor decisions that got us here. In addition to prohibiting the spreading of sludge forever in the state, we need to also take care of our own. Farmers with PFAS contaminated land and water need assistance. Losing your livelihood, facing health issues you may have, figuring out what to do with your land, possibly moving, is a lot. It simply cannot be all the burden of the affected farmer. I've been a Mainer my whole life is it's engrained in me that we take care of our own in times of need. Our state's farmers are in a time of need. Please pass LD2013 to help financially support those affected by PFAS chemicals. Thank you.