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Please take quick, decisive, and substantive action to support local farmers as they face staggering potential losses and health risks due to PFAS contamination. The state issued licenses to spread the toxic sludge decades ago, and now the responsibility rests with the state to support recovery from its tragic and dangerous affects.

Famers need your support now. The impact on and risk to some of them is hard to overstate. This will likely be a decades long process of tracking and remediation, and we, the citizens of Maine, need you to set an unequivocal precedent demonstrating your support for the process. Farmers need money to supplement for lost income and decreased value of their land, in some cases relocation. Farmers need water filtration and other safety and mitigation resources. Farmers need lots and lots of testing resources. They need mental and physical health resources made available immediately.

This is just the first wave of this crisis. We, the citizens of midcoast and central Maine will need resources in the very near future to determine our own risk factors and support our own health and safety. We will be back seeking that support. For right now, it is imperative that you show support for the farmers who feed these communities, who have built their livelihoods on stewarding healthy foodsystems, soils, and economies. All of that work is at risk. They are at risk. The citizens of Maine are at risk. The responsibility for permitting this ecological, and economic travesty lies with you the legislature. We absolutely need your leadership and backing in rectifying the fallout as much as we can. This problem is not going away. Please support us. We need it.