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I am an organic farmer and want to express my deep concern about the PFAS contamination issue that is unfolding. A farmer's life and career are inherently aligned with, and dependent on, the land that they work more than in any other profession. To find out that one's land has been contaminated, due to the negligence and tragic decisions made by the state decades ago, is not just a disruption of business income but it requires a farm family to find a way to completely start over. The emotional and psychological burden may be difficult to quantify, but the financial consequences of such a disruption are calculable and must be addressed. The state of Maine has a history of supporting agriculture and family farms and I trust that you will do the right thing and support this bill to right the wrongs of the past and help farmers recover from this great loss. And above all, we must stop the production, use, and spreading of ANY substances known to contain PFAS on any land or water source.