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I am a farmer in Waldo County. When I bought this farm there was a requirement in the sales contract for disclosure of possible lead paint in the home. There was no disclosure about the possibility of PFAS contamination of water and soil on this property. That deficiency of warning needs to be addressed by the legislature at some point.

But the immediate need to make whole the farm families that have had their livelihoods and health threatened by PFAS contamination is necessary. The state of Maine through its environmental and agricultural offices have encouraged land applications of sludge to farmland. Because the state caused this problem the state needs to remedy this problem. A fund adequate enough to compensate Farmers with contaminated land and contaminated bodies including lifetime medical monitoring is the only fair way to address this tragedy. The integrity of organic or conventional agriculture needs to be preserved. Please vote to fully fund the provisions of this bill to compensate Farmers for the loss of their livelihoods and their health. Thank you very much.