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Honorable members,

I am a farmer in Waldo County. I wanted to address a future source of contamination to municipal sludge. That is sludge from current and proposed aquaculture factory operations. It is well documented that farmed salmon and other farmed fish have higher levels of PCBs and other POPs, Persistent Organic Pollutants. Who knows if PFAS chemicals could be bioaccumulated into the food fed to farmed fish? Or persistent pesticides. These sludges need to be researched and kept out of surface and groundwaters in Maine.

You have the opportunity to head off future contamination of Maine's land and waters. Please add aquaculture sludge to contaminants of concern for future action.

Thank-you.