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I am concerned about the alarming incidence of PFAS contamination on the farms in our state for several reasons: I am finding it harder to obtain the fresh milk and vegetables I depend upon, I am concerned about the health and financial wellbeing of the farmers who are having their products tested and making the difficult decision not to sell products that are contaminated by PFAS and I am concerned about the sustainability of healthy Maine farmland. Passage of this bill is imperative for these farmers to receive the support needed in dealing with this crisis, including providing for the health of their families, protecting their livelihoods, and ensuring the future of farming in Maine.

As a member of the Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN), I work with a group advocating for the health and wellbeing of Maine citizens. MUUSAN strongly supports his bill.

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