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Dear Committee Members

Here's an example of one farm that needs help.

Johanna and Adam, owners and operators of Songbird Farm discovered their water, soil, produce, and their blood tested high in PFAS chemicals. Their blood tests came back showing levels of PFAS 200 times that of the average American. Should they be concerned? Biosolids were spread on their land about 20 years before they purchased the farm. Well water tests came back 400 times the state recommended limit.

Tomatoes and spinach are their most profitable crops and they are contaminated. Their goal as farmers is to produce food that's beneficial to eat. How can they sell food if it's contaminated?

The State has promoted and licensed the spreading of sludge. Now the State needs to help or these farms will go out of business. After Songbird farm's water tests came back the state installed a water system in their house to remove PFAS from the water. That was much appreciated but there is still PFAS in their soil and bodies. They are not the only farm effected. The EPA lists high risks of cancer, thyroid and kidney disease as well as many other concerning issues especially for children. Their three year old lives and breathes the farm as much as they do. His future is at risk. Please support LD2013

Thank You
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