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I am writing in support of LD2013. As a landowner in Central Maine I have witnessed the impacts on neighbors and local farms of PFAS/PFOS contamination. It has produced economic burden and uncertainty to commercial farms and negatively impacted landowners with contaminated ground water and soil who have unsafe drinking water, can not raise livestock (meat and eggs) for personal use, nor harvest deer from their property during hunting season. As more sampling and scientific investigations are conducted it is only certain that the extent of the problem will become much larger.

The State of Maine needs to assist affected landowners and farmers. Especially since the state managed and supported the dispersal and spreading of contaminated sludge on these properties.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on LD2013.