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LD 2013

Dear Sen. Dill, Rep. O'Neil, and members of the Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for LD 2013. Contamination from PFAs is drastically impacting the farmers and communities that they support. This contamination is because of actions taken before many of these farmers even started farming on their land and with full encouragement from the Department of Environmental Protection. I have farmer friends that have learned that their fields, their wells, their family, and food are contaminated. They are devastated and face incredible loss of their business, homes and farms. Now is the time for the state of Maine to take action to provide assistance to these farmers and others who are impacted by PFAs contamination. We also need to support research and remediation efforts so that we have farmland for the future.

I am a farmer and fortunately, my land was not contaminated, but I care deeply about farmers and our food system and recognize the need to take action now. I hope that you will support the farmers and communities that have been already impacted by this contamination and help all Mainers by investing in the research, remediation, and support that is needed to address this issue.

Sincerely,
Jonah Fertig-Burd