Kevin Finnigan Belfast LD 2013 Belfast, Maine March 12, 2022

Dear members of the Agricultural, Conservation and Forestry Committee:

I am writing to urge your support for LD2013.

The impact of PFAS contamination in Maine must be addressed in order to mitigate the serious economic and health effects caused by agricultural and waste disposal practices throughout the state and suffered most directly by those who make their living in these fields—literally and figuratively. Many of these Maine residents sought to outlaw these practices thirty years ago. Many are young Mainers who have chosen to establish their livelihoods here. All of these people were assured state agencies offered protection from dangerous practices like of dumping poisonous sludge on farmland and many are left owning that land which is no longer viable for farming. Passing this bill will help support these Maine residents to maintain this vital part of Maine's economic life.

Thank you, Kevin Finnigan