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LD 2013

I am testifying in support of LD 2013. We operate Villageside Farm in Freedom, Maine. As a diversified organic farm in Waldo County, we have seen firsthand how the discovery of PFAS-contaminated soils and waters have impacted our neighbors. What has led us, as a society, to this juncture is both sad and infuriating. That said, this bill is about how we move forward. Both chemical producers and the agencies that are supposed to regulate them to keep us all safe have failed us in this instance. The farmers impacted by the spreading of PFAS- contaminated substances were wronged. The admission of this fact by responsible parties is a start. This bill will allow the next steps: to support the farmers that have had their livelihoods stripped from them overnight, as well as set up a plan to monitor the damage and assess current and future uses of PFAS.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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