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PFAS land and water contamination is threatening the future of agriculture and sustainable hunting and fishing in the state of Maine. This bill provides much needed funding for discovery, research, and financial support to help Maine business deal with the PFAS issue. PFAS contamination is a food safety issue and a threat to Maine's agriculture, hunting, fishing, and public health.

We are Brendan and Katia Holmes from Misty Brook Farm in Albion. Our milk is contaminated with PFAS. The contamination came from hay we purchased from a neighboring farm. We haven't sold anything for a month. We have seven full time employees, and they depend on us for their livelihood. This bill will enable us to stay in business, solve the PFAS contamination on our farm and provide valuable information for future farms. We are the future of agriculture in Maine and we need the support of this bill to build a future for Maine's agriculture.