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To the members of the committee,

I'm Anna Libby, and I live in Mt. Vernon, Maine. I write to you today, as I know so many others across our communities do as well, in support for LD 2013.

It has been heartbreaking to learn of the extent of contamination of our soils and waters here in Maine from PFAS. We need to take immediate steps to assist everyone affected by this issue, including and especially our beloved farms and farmers. Our farmers have been true leaders on this issue, and they deserve all of our support and solidarity. Funding must be made available as a safety net for these farms, whose homes, health, and livelihood are being challenged.

More farms and communities are learning of contamination as testing continues, and it would help ease the heavy burden they are facing to know this assistance was in place.

More funding is needed for other reasons as well. We need research to learn what other steps we should take as a state and community. We need to monitor the health of our communities for potential negative health effects from this contamination.

The time to act is now. We must support our farmers as they lead the way on this issue, and do all we can to mitigate the harm from this contamination.

I hope you will support this legislation. I appreciate your time and consideration.

With thanks,  
Anna