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LD 2013

Dear members of the Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry Committee,

We must take action now to support Maine's farming community by passing LD 2013. It is necessary that we provide sufficient financial support to address the devastating health and financial impacts that PFAS contamination has had, and will continue to have. I have had the privilege of working with Maine's farming community for the whole of my career, previously as a farm owner and operator, and now as a researcher and educator in the field of sustainable agriculture. Our farming community is one of the state's greatest assets and we must support them in this time of need. To discover that one's lands and/or waterways were contaminated by PFAS is unimaginably devastating for individuals who rely upon these natural resources to earn a living. Our farmers are devoted to their trade through a deep connection to their land, their work, and a commitment to provide for their communities, please take action by passing LD 2013 in order to protect Maine's agrarian traditions now and for future generations.

With thanks,
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