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LD 2013

To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing in support of LD 2013. Over the past four months I have watched as our friends and neighbors have discovered their land is contaminated with PFAS chemicals due to the spreading of municipal sludge licensed by the state of Maine. Many of whom I speak of are small family farms who have put all they have on the line to grow food for their communities. Learning of this contamination has compromised their health, business and livelihood all at once.

I am urging law makers to pass this bill to support those who have been affected by PFAS contamination so that they may have a way forward. It is difficult to imagine having your health, land, and income taken away by a problem you did nothing to create but that is the position these farmers and other small business owners are in. The state allowed for the spreading of this material and I feel they are responsible for mitigating the problem moving forward.

Sincerely
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