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The state of Maine made a terrible mistake in allowing and encouraging the spreading of sludge on farmland. Now it needs to step up and provide a safety net for the farmers who are being crushed under the consequences of those historic mistakes.

What I'm seeing is that farmers who are proactively testing for PFAS and who are going public with their results are carrying an absolutely staggering burden that they should not have to carry alone. While facing serious health concerns of their own, with industrial levels of PFAS in their own blood and that of their children, they are also facing the likelihood that they may no longer be able to raise food on their land, may not even be able to live on their land, and that selling their land with the PFAS contamination disclosed will be a huge financial blow. PFAS contamination could very well end that careers of these hard-working, caring, honest farmers who create community as well as feed it, not to mention the potentially lifelong health consequences Please don't let that happen. Maine should be providing a safety net.