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For LD 2013 – An Act Relating to Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination in the State.

We are farm managers at Triple Chick Farm in Bar Harbor, ME. Having been raised by families with farming histories and worked for family farms for the past 11 years, we know the idealism, sacrifice and hope that goes into the sweat of farming. We feel it has been our privilege to choose this lifestyle, but the road to acquiring land or simply working for others is not straightforward. After the hard work to acquire land or simply work producing food, to find that the land has been so poorly stewarded that it could be (out of any control) poisoning you, the animals, and the people you love feeding and nourishing is devastating. The following is necessary to support the people who are facing this new knowledge: Income replacement and mortgage payments,
Health monitoring,
New infrastructure, business models, and farm management practices,
Relocation services and the buying and selling of agricultural land, and
Research that is necessary to support the development of Maine's agricultural sector in this new context, including research on soil and water remediation methods.