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Testimony directed to those responsible for the PFAS contamination of Maine's lands

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In this farmer's humble opinion the State of Maine is 100% financially and morally responsible to provide the following to any and all farms impacted by PFAS contamination on their lands:

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

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.

LD 2013 will provide the necessary funds to make this possible. Therefore we urge full support from the Maine Legislature on this matter.

To not fully 100% support this bill sends two clear messages to Maine's farmers and to all of Maine's citizens:

1. The acting Maine government does not care about its people, its lands and waters and most importantly the lives and livelihoods of its food producers.
2. The acting Maine government is unwilling to take responsibility for its own mistakes. This is a dangerous precedent - a government that cannot be trusted is a government that is short lived. In simple terms, vote against this bill and start planning to find a new job in the future.