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LD 2013

An Act Relating to Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination in the State,
LD 2013

Chairpersons James Dill, Margaret O'Neil and committee members,
As a farmer's daughter and the mother of a farmer and a concerned citizen of Maine, I am
asking you to support LD 2013.

The poisoning of our soil with PFAS is, truly, a manmade disaster. Our soil is the very
foundation of a healthy and resilient people, economy and environment. When that soil is
contaminated, people get sick. We lose our agricultural economic base. We lose the ability
to grow food for Mainers in Maine. We stand to lose our farmers and their families.
We can't afford to turn our food production over to out-of-state producers. We need to support
this and future generations of farmers by implementing income replacement, mortgage
payments and health monitoring for our farmers that are impacted by these toxins in their soil.
They need support in developing new infrastructure, business models, and farm management
practices.

Relocation services and the buying and selling of agricultural lands needs to be addressed.
Research is necessary to support the development of Maine's agricultural sector in this new
context, including research on soil and water remediation methods.

The farmers did not create this mess. Please do not make them the victims of these short
sighted and misguided recommendations that have led to such devastation.

Please support our farmers and Maine's health by voting ought to pass on LD 2013