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Maine Legislators, I urge you to support LD 2013.

Maine's farmers are part of a vibrant story of community and economic success that is now being interrupted and threatened by the identification of PFAS in their soil, water, crops, animals, and themselves.

From our current vantage point, there are a growing number of farms whose future is either uncertain or dramatically altered after the discovery of PFAS contamination. LD 2013 would offer these affected farmers not only much needed support, but hope for a future beyond PFAS. Every affected farmer deserves the opportunity to move forward, be it income replacement for lost crops, mortgage assistance, or the hope that further remediation research will create renewed opportunities on contaminated fields once more.

The farmers affected are the mentors, employers, and supporters of those prospective farmers who will continue to create further food security and economic opportunities for Maine's future. Let's invest in the wellbeing and continued success of Maine's farmers affected by PFAS with LD 2013, just as they've done in the future of communities throughout the state of Maine.