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LD 2013

To whom it may concern,

I am a land owner and former organic farmer in Oxford County. I know first hand the commitment and effort which Maine farmers make towards their communities and state. Their contributions to the integrity and longevity of our home are second to none.

These hard working, devoted folks have been irreparably damaged by the spread of toxic sludge (PFAs) on their land. This proliferation of harmful substances was sanctioned by the state, yet went undisclosed when these farmers bought and invested in land which they hoped to cultivate in giving back to their communities. Now the chemicals are in their water, in their bodies, and in the bodies of their children (the next generation of Mainers).

It is only ethical (not to mention essential) that the state should now provide life long assistance to these individuals and businesses. LD 2013 would do just that. Not only will Maine's most vital citizens receive the help they deserve, the passing of LD 2013 will set a precedent that if future environmental atrocities are committed by the state (or anyone for that matter), a steep price will be paid in restoring the health of the earth and its inhabitants.

Do the right thing for our state and the best of its citizenry - pass LD 2013.

Kind regards,
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