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Having lived in Maine for five years and enjoyed the bounty of local produce, meat and poultry and dairy products, I am distressed to read of the widespread contamination of farmland by PFAS. Even more distressing is the fact that the courageous farmers whose land has tested positive for PFAS and have come forward with the truth of these findings have now lost their livelihoods. But there are those who refuse to have their land and water tested for fear of just that. Maine farmers need an equitable aid package from the state that helps support them while their farms are tested, allowing a thorough investigation of the breadth and depth of this toxic problem. I stand in support of LD2013 to support our farmers and to address this very serious risk to our health and well being.