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LD 2013

Dear Legislators,

I am writing in support of LD 2013, a bill that will provide aid to farmers and protect the future of farming in Maine. Right now Maine's farmers are reaping the harmful effects of PFAS-contaminated sludge used decades ago. Contaminated wells have created health and economic scares for farmers, and it is likely that as 700 more wells are tested, the numbers of wells contaminated will only increase. This is a tragedy for Maine's farmers who have worked hard in the face of many difficulties to provide us with delicious local food.

We must meet the challenges of PFAS contamination on our farms and farmland. We should provide our farmers with health care and economic assistance to help them ride out this crisis. We should also provide funds for research and remediation so this horrible situation will not continue in our state.

LD 2013 would provide that assistance by establishing a fund and associated advisory committee to invest \$100 million in farmer support.