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LD 2013

Dear Chair Dill and members of the ACF Committee,

I am writing to express my support of LD 2013. PFAS are chemicals that do not break down in the environment and also have been shown to cause cancers, damage to the immune system and liver, and delayed development and birth defects. Throughout Maine, organic and family farms, who have gained the trust of their communities, are discovering that the food they believed was safe, healthy, and clean is now contaminated with these toxic chemicals. The PFAS is there because of actions supported by the State and municipalities in the disposal of chemical-laden sewage sludge to crop fields, and the chemicals are now found in the wells on many of these farms. The number of impacted farms and wells is likely going to increase as the state continues testing on over 700 sites across Maine. Infrastructure and support for these farmers is crucial immediately, which LD 2013 would provide. For the health of all Maine citizens and the viability of the local farming economy, please support LD 2013 in its entirety.

Thank you.