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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and for the work you do for the state and people of Maine.

As someone who highly values the opportunity to purchase high quality, organic produce from local growers, I was really disheartened to learn of the PFAS contamination issue. I can only imagine the devastation this has caused local growers. Not only is their very livelihood impacted, their dreams have been shattered. I saw Maine's small farm movement as a real shining star in Maine's future. Sadly now, that star has been diminished a great deal. And the potential health impacts to these growers and their families is really frightening.

I haven't lived in Maine my whole life, so am really puzzled as to why this practice, which carried such risk was ever instituted. Certainly it's time to change the law so that this practice of spreading sludge is ended.

Again, thanks for all your work.

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