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I, BrennaMae Thomas-Googins of Patch Farm, a non-PFAS-affected, certified organic farm, is in wholly support of LD 2013. It is important that those whose livelihood (and the physical and mental health of their lives and bodies - not to mention that of those who work for these farms, on this contaminated land) has been affected are given the support they are needed. Farming can be challenging enough... without adding that the food some farmers have been eating, growing and selling has unknowingly, for years, been contaminated with chemicals that will stick around - forever.

It should not be up to those who own the land (yet didn't spread the chemicals) to pay the consequences... monetarily, mentally, or physically. There must be support. The state of Maine issued the licenses for this sludge to be spread - the state of Maine should be help accountable to support the farms who have been negatively affected by this sludge. Our state has a wonderful agricultural community - let's not let these farmers, or this land, down.

In addition, I think that we should be supporting the farms, the farmers, and their farm workers, who will also be adversely affected as the farms navigate this issue.

Thank you for reading my support of LD 2013.