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Good Morning,

My name is Paul Peters, I am a commercial fruit grower from Monmouth. In addition, I am an independent agronomic crop consultant and the Vice President of the Maine Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers Association.

The PFAS issue in pesticides is the most divisive and unsettling issue I have ever witnessed in Maine Agriculture. One could suggest that Maine's position on regulating PFAS is progressive, and that Maine will be looked a leader in national environmental matters.

I suggest the opposite has occurred. The issue is regressive and fear based.. Opinion and policy have occurred prior to sound scientific review of the potential risks. Damage has occurred from this policy to the morale of the farm community and potential market impact of Maine farm products.

If Maine's definition of PFAS containing products, becomes consistent with EPA's, then this issue can be dealt in a more orderly and progressive way.

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