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Dear PFAS Task Force Members:

The draft report of the Governor's PFAS Task Force provides a solid foundation but it must be strengthened to protect public health and the environment. I would like to see the following improvements added to the report:

1. Investigate Historical Sludge-Spreading Sites and test Agricultural Products for PFAS Contamination: The Task Force should explicitly recommend that DEP develop an investigation plan and timetable for testing all sludge spreading sites to find any yet-undiscovered high-level PFAS contamination. Both the soil and the agricultural products from these farms should be assessed without further delay.
2. Establish Health-Based Risk Values to Inform Maine PFAS Standards: The Task Force should recommend that Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) adopt Maine-specific health risk levels for all PFAS compounds with sufficient data, based on the best available science. Those risk values should inform the proposed adoption of a Maine drinking water standard for total PFAS, as well as other relevant environmental public health standards.
3. Strengthen Safety Protections for Residential Drinking Water Wells: The Task Force should recommend funding for educational outreach and financial assistance to expand testing and treatment of residential well water to reduce exposure to PFAS.

Thank you for all your work.

Sincerely,

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