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LD 832

Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology
RE: LD 832—An Act to Provide Funds to Reduce the Debt of the Vassalboro
Sanitary District

Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology, my name is Linda Richards. I am a customer of the Vassalboro Sanitary District and a resident of Vassalboro, Maine. I appreciate this opportunity to testify in support of LD 832, a bill to provide one-time funding to the Vassalboro Sanitary District for debt reduction.

I am 75 years old and have lived on Maple street in Vassalboro for 49 years. I have always been a customer of the sew district. When we were hooked up to the new system, my first bill increased from about \$140-160 and to \$480 a quarter to cover the loans and construction costs. Now unfortunately, I have a constant rotation of liens on my house. I can only pay \$200-\$300 at a time. I pay as much as I can afford. I have been blind most of my life and Social Security is my sole source of income. I have had to cut my grocery bill and juggle other necessities so I can pay as much as I can toward my sewer bill. It has cause stress and uncertainty in my life.

This is why I urge you to vote for this bill which would provide much needed debt reduction to the 200 customers that rely on the services of the Vassalboro Sewer district.

Thank you for your time and I am willing to answer any questions the committee may have.

Linda Richards