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Vassalboro  
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An Act to Provide Funds to Reduce the Debt of the Vassalboro Sanitary District  
Dear Committee Chairs Sen. Mark Lawrence, Rep Melanie Sachs, and honorable  
members of the Energy Utilities,

We are James and Rachel Kilbride and have been residents in Vassalboro for 10  
years. We own 3 buildings that are serviced by the Vassalboro Sanitary District.  
Initially when we first moved to Vassalboro, we were told about the required  
proposed system improvement project and that the cost would be covered by grant  
money. In that time there have been several rate increases and we have been notified  
of another rate increase that will take place shortly. Even with trying to conserve  
water usage the Vassalboro Sanitary Bills are more than 2 times the amount of the  
Kennebec Water Bills. The most recent quarterly bills were:

Building 1 - Water Bill (for 500cf) \$82.93 - accompanying Vassalboro Sanitation Bill  
was \$220

Building 2 – Water Bill (for 200cf) \$83.27 - accompanying Vassalboro Sanitation Bill  
was \$178

Building 3 (our primary residence) – Water Bill (for 800cf) \$88.93 -accompanying  
Vassalboro Sanitation Bill was \$262

For the last several years we have paid over \$2500 a year on Vassalboro Sanitation  
Bills. We have been notified that there will be a significant rate increase on the next  
Vassalboro Sanitation Bills. Families are struggling to pay these onerous costs. Many  
of the 200 households are elderly and on fixed incomes. With each increase we see  
homes going up for sale.

Please consider approving these funds to help our residents afford to stay in their  
homes, by approving LD 832. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
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