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LD 832

Good afternoon, Senator Richard Bradstreet and members of the Energy, Utilities, and Technology committee. My name is Charlie Hartman, and I live in Vassalboro.

I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 832.

The cost of the Sewer Upgrade project in Vassalboro will create a severe hardship for all of the 200 Vassalboro residents who are affected by it.

For example, I am retired from the State of Maine and live on a fixed income. After the winter we've had with the increase in oil prices, I have had to keep the house at 60 degrees to save on oil. Even this has not prevented me from being left to live in a house with no heat several times this winter.

The winter has been especially hard since the state's HEAP fuel assistance program, which usually provides oil until late winter, ran out of money after just one delivery of 100 gallons of oil to its HEAP members last November.

Added to the other cost increases across the board recently, many people are in a precarious position. If you can find a way to help cover the cost of the Sewer Upgrade project, we would have a better chance of making it through this coming year.

Thank you,
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