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Greetings Sir or Madam (Officials or Representatives)

Our names are Crystal and Fuad Umar, residence of the town of Vassalboro, Maine. We were blessed to be able to own an own a home where we can raise our children after several years of renting. At first, everything felt normal until few years ago when we started getting rate increases on our sewage bills. It got so bad that we freaked out whenever the bills came in because it was always going up and the impact started to affect every part of our family life. We contacted the Vassalboro sanitary district and were told different things and given different excuses such as “a mistake was made by some contractor and that money had to be borrowed etc and that about 200 of us will have to pay millions of dollars to pay up for the mistake” which according to them was corrected with borrowed money. Our family felt very disappointed and affected by this situation. The increase means skipping some of life’s most essential necessities and made life very difficult and paying other bills challenging. Our children’s nutritious needs has also been high jacked by the increased rates which keeps going up. The overall effect when coupled with the high cost of food and the current high inflation has made life unbelievably difficult and stressful. Our community urgently needs all the help to keep roof over the head of families who have been placed in this situation through no fault of their own. We are pleading with you to kindly consider this urgent situation and help our community get out of this disastrous situation. Thank you