

Hello,

Honorable Members of the Appropriations & Financial Affairs Committee.

My name is Alicia Collins. I am a citizen, registered voter, and a selectman in the town of Sidney.

I am speaking today in support of LD 646, “An Act to Provide Appropriations and Allocations for the Operations of State Government” aka “An Act to Fully Reimburse Municipalities for Lost Revenue Under the Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens Program.”

The budget for the Town of Sidney is short approximately \$20,000, because of The Property Tax Stabilization program. This amount represents 2/3 of our Rescue budget alone. And, as some of you may have heard, Delta Ambulance is raising its rates for towns in the Kennebec valley because of their own shortfalls.

I am respectfully asking this committee to move this bill forward so the towns may receive reimbursement from the unappropriated surplus in the General Fund.

Thank you for your time,

Alicia Collins,

Citizen and registered voter