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My name is CJ Virgie. I am from Hodgdon and I am the manager of the Houlton Humane Society.

I favor LD 595 to make these new Help Fix ME rules major/substantive. The rules we work with now are relatively simple, and those of us who have been working with them the most understand them fully. We don't need new convoluted rules that just make more paperwork for everyone—the vets and the new administrator. Just add on some rules to make sure the new administrator adheres to the law— don't make a new program or make the program harder to administer.

What is important is that we work to get more vets to take the vouchers, we pay the vets on time and we process voucher requests quickly. I host significant events frequently, but in between clinics, there are many times that individuals need vouchers. We need to make sure that option remains the same.