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Dear Chair and members of SLG Committee:

I am in favor of this bill because I have a friend who pays a lot of money to repair her road with out any help from anyone. Maine mud season is extremely expensive for people to personally pay to repair roads without any tax credit or tax deductions. Why burden our citizens when the county has a responsibility to help them? This road she lives on is not the correct access to her home according to GPS directions, therefore, no fire, ambulance or police will have the correct address in an emergency. The reasoning behind this bill is that if the public is going to insist on holding onto the right to unrestricted public use of a public easement, it shouldn't allow that use to make a resident's road impassable. If the town wants to avoid the entire expense of keeping the road passable, it should give up the right to public use.

Also, if a town is going to allow people to build on a discontinued road, and then tax them at an increased rate because they have a residence, the people should get something in return for their tax dollar. The town shouldn't be just making money off these roads without giving anything in return.

Thank you for this consideration and concern for our citizens of Maine.