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Fayette

Senator Baldacci, Representative Matlack, Members of the Committee on State and Local Government, My name is Debra A. Carter, and I live in Fayette, Maine. We've lived here four years, owned the property since 2004, did not realize that this was a discontinued road until after we moved here in 2017. After we moved in we found out that it's a public easement but the town doesn't maintain it. Since then my husband has had heart conditions, four heart attacks, 2 stints, a four way bypass, and luckily we needed the ambulance in the winter and not during mud season. In mud season they would have never gotten down the road. I broke my shoulder in January of this year. Being that it wasn't muddy we got out with no problem. Otherwise we would have had trouble getting out if it was mud season. With my broken shoulder we were out there in March trying to drain the water out of the mud holes. We pay \$3,000 a year in taxes, and the Town of Fayette does absolutely nothing for us. It would be great if they would put in gravel, at least a couple of loads, to help the taxpayers on this road. We have brought in gravel to help, but it's still not enough. There are four other homes on this road. Two of them don't contribute much, but they pay taxes too. We have other people who don't live here that come down, use the road for hunting or whatever, and they don't pay anything. We have one neighbor who goes out and tries to maintain the road, also his wife is out with a hoe during mud season. We'd really like to see the Town do something to help. It's not fair to the taxpayers on the road when we don't get anything for it. God forbid if any of the homeowners on the road needs an ambulance or fire department during mud season they would have a hard time getting through. We try to avoid using the road during mud season, or we go out early in the morning. Other people aren't as considerate. When I go back to work I will have to go when I have to go. Please pass this bill.