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People who live on discontinued roads that are public easements pay taxes, but get virtually nothing in return with regard to the discontinued road. They have to pay out of their own pocket to keep the access to their property passable, while the public still gets to use that access with no obligation to contribute to the cost of maintenance. Public use can wear out the road faster than the residents can rebuild it and travel on it with no regard for the damage they are incurring, leaving it impassable when emergency vehicles need to use it. If the public is going to retain unrestricted use of the road, they should also retain some responsibility for maintenance.

I hope you will advance this bill so it will begin to get the consideration these people deserve.