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Woods Lake Association, Bridgton
LD 461

I am the President of a statutory road association in Bridgton, Maine called the Woods Lake Association.

As is the case with many such associations in Maine, most of our members pay their dues on time and we are able to maintain our roads and keep phosphorus from entering nearby water bodies through investments in erosion control.

When a small number of property owners do not pay their dues, it creates undue effort on our volunteer elected officers to try and collect. Like many such associations, we have a small number of property owners who do not pay. The opportunity for liens has been very beneficial.

However, the time frame for liens was shortened to 18 months a few years ago. This makes it almost impossible for road associations like ours to collect unpaid dues. Expanding the timeframe from 18 months to six years would have a large impact on small associations like ours. Filing fees alone for these liens have put a strain on our budget and detracted from our mission of providing safe roads and reducing erosion.

Please pass LD 461 on behalf of the many private road associations like ours in Maine.