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*****THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO TESTIFY HERE TODAY

MY NAME IS THERESA VEZINA, MY HUSBAND, LEO IS ALSO
PRESENT, WE LIVE IN ELLINGTON, CT.

BACK IN 1984, THE FOUNDATION FOR OUR LOG HOME WAS
POURED BY JJMOTTES. WE MOVED INTO THE HOME IN JULY
1985 FULL OF ANTICIPATION AS THIS HAD BEEN OUR DREAM FOR
A VERY LONG TIME. AS YEARS WENT ON, WE DID NOTICE HAIRLINE
CRACKS IN THE FOUNDATION BUT WE ATTRIBUTED THEM TO
"SETTLING" AND FELT THIS PROBLEM WOULD RESOLVE ITSELF.
WE DO NOT HAVE A FINISHED BASEMENT, THEREFORE, LEO WOULD
FILL THE CRACKS AND PAINT THE WALLS THINKING IT WOULD HELP.
AS MORE CRACKS APPEARED, WE BECAME APPREHENSIVE
AND IN 2012 WE CONTACTED CT. BASEMENT SYSTEMS FOR
AN EVALUATION.

THE TERM "CRUMBLING FOUNDATION" WAS NEVER MENTIONED BY
THEM, HOWEVER, WE'RE SURE THAT THEY WERE AWARE OF WHAT
WE WERE DEALING WITH BUT NEVER BROUGHT IT TO OUR
ATTENTION. THEIR ADVICE WAS TO INSTALL POWER BRACES TO

THE TUNE OF \$26,708. WE PUT OUR CONFIDENCE IN THEM AND SECTIONS OF BRACES WERE FIRST INSTALLED IN 2012 AND COMPLETED IN 2013. WE FELT CONFIDENT IN HEARING THAT THE WARRANTY EXTENDED TO NEW OWNERS IN THE FUTURE. THE CRACKS CONTINUED AND IN 2015, THROUGH A FRIEND & MEDIA REPORTS, WE SUSPECTED THAT ALONG WITH MANY OTHER HOMEOWNERS IN CT, OUR FOUNDATION WAS INDEED CRUMBLING, IT WOULD CONTINUE TO DETERIORATE, **NEVER** IMPROVE UNLESS REPLACED, WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SELL OUR HOUSE IN ITS PRESENT CONDITION AND THE COST OF REPAIRING IT WOULD EXCEED \$150,000.

ALL THIS WAS CONFIRMED BY AN ENGINEER, BILL NEAL.

WE'VE ALWAYS TAKEN PRIDE IN OUR HOME CONTINUALLY WORKING TO IMPROVE OUR PROPERTY BUT AT 80YRS. OLD, WE FELT THIS MAY BE OUR TIME TO SLOW DOWN & RELAX A BIT. WE WERE PLANNING TO SELL OUR HOME IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS KNOWING THAT MAINTAINING IT WILL BECOME MORE DIFFICULT AS WE AGE.

THIS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE NOW BECAUSE OF THE MAJOR
EXPENSE WE'LL INCUR IN REPAIRING THE FOUNDATION.
NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE STRESS IS OVERWHELMING AND IS SURE
TO CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME. SUCH A DISASTER REQUIRES
IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE. WE ALL NEED HELP!

THANK YOU!