

From:
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To whom it may concern,

We moved to Manchester in 2005 and bought a colonial home built in 1991 by Crossen builders. There was a lovely finished basement, the home was empty, and we had it inspected. Everything came back fine and we moved in.

Shortly thereafter our neighbor's home was discovered to have a crumbling basement. They moved in with us while their basement was replaced at *THEIR OWN EXPENSE*. We saw first hand the agony and expense they went through. Our basement had wall to wall rugs on them and we did not see any signs of extreme moisture - We went about our routine of working and living our lives.

Then we started to notice other homes in our neighborhood go up in the air. We decided to take a wall down to "make sure" we didn't have any issues. However much to our shock and surprise we did have a major issue. We had all the testing completed (core and visual) and we have a stage 3. We submitted our paperwork and we are in the pending group.

We have been told that ONLY IF THE SUNSET DATE IS EXTENDED, we may be eligible to have our basement repaired in 2026 or 2027. We will be 81 and 79 years of age. Not what we had in mind for our retirement. We will still have to repair the outside of our home and patio, not to mention we will no longer have a beautiful finished basement even with help from CFSIC. This home was an investment for our retirement - we are still paying our mortgage on time. Allstate Insurance will not help us with anything and we anticipate our town taxes being reduced, which will help us to save for the work not covered by anything. If the state does not help us out, we are not sure what we will do. We are in limbo.

There are many more homeowners like us out in CT. There are 2 homes on our street being fixed this month and 2 others were fixed this summer. I am thrilled for those people and only hope and pray that we may get some relief. There are many people who seem to want to live in this neighborhood and I wonder how great an investment it really is.

Please acknowledge that we agree 100% with the Statement of Purpose as listed on the last page of Raised Bill No. 646.

Sincerely,
James & Evelyn Dahl