

Rebecca Buck

From: Theresa Utton
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 5:32 AM
To: thequeenmay21@comcast.net
Cc: Rebecca Buck; undisclosed-recipients
Subject: Re: Appropriation Committee

Thank you Shirley. I will pass along your
Testimony to the Committees.

~Theresa Utton-Jerman
Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 9, 2015, at 8:48 PM, "thequeenmay21@comcast.net" <thequeenmay21@comcast.net> wrote:

Dear Theresa Utton Jerman;

I am Shirley Dolan who spoke in the
Saint Albans interactive TV today.
I said that I was vision impair in one eye
and someday the other eye could go
because of Diabetic Retinopathy of both
eyes.

The VABVI has done a lot for me.
When I first when the the meeting I did not
think it would help me. The first time I was
there the people when around and told they
eye problems. This one man was telling my
stories and I said to my self some one had
to tell him.

We meet twice a month at the church of

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the rock. We have people come in from the eye clinic and talk about all the different eye problem and what we can do to live with what we have left. Also have Ira come to my home and put orange dots on the stove to help to turn it on and off. Check if everything in the home is ok for my eye disease. It help to get out and be with people that has the same problem to know you. We have people come a share there stories. On white cane day we had our mayor Liz go around blindfolded. She has come to some of our meeting. We also had done white cane awareness at Northwestern Medical Center in Saint Albans. We also have gone to June dairy day in Enosburg and last year we came in third places. We do a lot in my group. We have a less 26 members now. We have a man and wife that come and does Self Defense for the Blind and Visually Impaired with some of the member and they can defeat them now.

We all are fear off losing out again. As

when you are blind you feel alone all the time. We do not want to be very alone any more. Please help us keep what we have please.

Thank you.

Shirley Dolan