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TO: Senator Roger J. Katz, Senate Chair
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FROM: Senator Brian D. Langley, Senate Chair
Representative Victoria P. Kornfield, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

SUBJ: **Quasi-Independent State Entity Reviews of the Child Development Services System, Maine Community College System, Maine Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority, Maine Maritime Academy and University of Maine System**

We are pleased to report the results of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs review of the Child Development Services System, the Maine Community College System, the Maine Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority, the Maine Maritime Academy and the University of Maine System pursuant to the laws governing quasi-independent state entities in Title 5, chapter 379, subchapter 3 of the Maine Revised Statutes.

In February of this year, we wrote to each of the five Quasi-Independent State Entities to request that they submit copies of their written policies and procedures governing procurement, contributions, travel, meals and entertainment to the committee for its review. As required by section 12023(3) of Title 5, the committee met to review the written policies and procedures that were submitted and their consistency with the expectations established in section 12022, subsections 3 to 5. In addition, the committee reviewed the reports submitted by the five Quasi-Independent State Entities under section 12023(2) within the past 2 calendar years to consider whether reported waivers of competitive procurement and reported contributions were in compliance with the entities' policies and procedures, including proper justification and documentation.

Based on the review, our committee is pleased to report that it discovered no inconsistency between the written policies and procedures of any of the reviewed entities and the expectations established in section 12022, subsections 3 to 5. The committee also did not find that any of the entities' reported waivers of competitive procurement and reported contributions to be out of compliance with the entities' policies and procedures.

Thank you for this opportunity to report to you on these matters.

cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
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