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October 16, 2025

Senator Anne Carney
Chair, Right to Know Advisory Committee
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Senator Carney,

The Committee on Government Oversight has been presented recently with two distinct instances in which Freedom of Access Act requests have resulted in agency cost estimates that are in the tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars, with corresponding processing times that are also quite substantial.

The purpose of this letter is to seek the assistance of the Right to Know Advisory Committee in understanding whether you have any current or contemplated initiatives underway to identify opportunities to better address the negative impacts on records requesters under such circumstances, including whether aspects of Artificial Intelligence might someday play a role in reducing the cost and timing burdens.

We welcome any insight your committee may be able to provide, at your earliest convenience. After receiving your response, we may also request that one or more members of your committee meet with our committee to discuss these matters of mutual interest further.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Sen. Craig Hickman
Senate Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne-Marie Mastraccio".

Rep. Anne-Marie Mastraccio
House Chair

cc: Members, Right to Know Advisory Committee
Members, Committee on Judiciary
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