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Representative William Bridgeo

Senator Matthew Pouliot

Members of the Committee on Health and Human Services

132nd Maine Legislature

Cross Building, Room 209

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Representative Bridgeo, Senator Pouliot, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Normand Bosse, and I am a proud resident of Maine Veterans' Homes in Augusta. I served in the United States Marine Corps from 1951 to 1952 and saw combat during the Korean War. I had hoped to serve longer, but after my father passed away, I was granted a hardship discharge so I could return home to care for my family.

I'm writing to express my strong support for LD 182: *An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Establish MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for the Maine Veterans' Homes on a Per Resident Basis.*

Life at MVH has brought me peace of mind. There is always something to do, and the people who care for us are nothing short of angels. I no longer have to worry about the things I used to when living on my own. The food is excellent, and the activities keep us engaged and moving. The staff are warm, outgoing, and truly make this place feel like home. My entire family is on a first-name basis with the staff, which says a lot about the sense of community here.

This level of care, however, depends on reliable and adequate funding. Currently, MaineCare does not fully cover the cost of caring for each resident. LD 182 would help ensure that MVH can continue delivering the high-quality care we depend on, retain its dedicated staff, and remain accessible to Veterans throughout Maine.

This issue means a great deal to me, and I respectfully urge your support for LD 182 to help preserve the Homes that serve those who have served.

Thank you for your time, your service to our community, and your thoughtful consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,



Normand Bosse