

Bridget Miller
Maine Veterans Homes
LD 182

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My name is Bridget Miller. I am a Maine Veteran Home board member, a Care Team Member with MaineHealth and an Air Force Veteran. I am 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.

This bill ensures MaineCare reimbursement rates are set per resident, reflecting actual expenses and allowing Maine Veteran Homes to plan for sustainable operations. Current estimates indicate that over the next ten years Maine's veteran population will decline by 7 percent, but the number of veterans over 85 who need care will grow by more than 30 percent. Without proper reimbursement, Maine Veterans Home facilities face financial hardships that could limit services or result in closures.

I cannot think of anything more worthwhile than supporting those who served our country. Our Veterans deserve high-quality care in facilities that honor their service and sacrifice.

I respectfully ask for your support of LD 182 so that we can continue to meet the needs of Maine's Veterans.

Sincerely,
Bridget K. Miller