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LD 182

My name is Lisa Cirone, and I proudly serve as the Activity Supervisor at Maine Veterans' Homes in Machias. Every day, I have the privilege of working closely with our veterans and their spouses, ensuring they receive the dignity, care, and community connection they deserve. Through outings, community events, and scenic trips along our beautiful coastline, we provide experiences that bring joy and a sense of belonging—opportunities they would not have without the support of this home.

I am writing to express my strong support for LD 182 and the critical funding it provides to maintain the highest quality of care for our veterans, their spouses, and Gold Star families.

I have worked at Maine Veterans' Homes for nearly seven years, and I will never forget the day the closure of our facility was announced. I witnessed firsthand the devastation and heartbreak it caused—among our staff, our residents, their families, and our community. But I also saw something incredible: resilience, unity, and unwavering support for this home and the people who depend on it. Our veterans selflessly served us, and it is our duty to ensure they receive the care and stability they have earned.

Adequate reimbursement is essential to keeping Maine Veterans' Homes open and fully operational, continuing to provide the services and support our veterans rely on. I respectfully urge you to support LD 182 so we can meet the needs of Maine's veterans today, tomorrow, and in the years to come.

Thank you for your time, your consideration, and for standing with those who have sacrificed for our country.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Cirone