WRITTEN TESTIMONY FROM CINDY FARLEY

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

IN SUPPORT OF 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.

April 1st 2025

My name is Cindy Farley and I am a family member connected to Maine Veterans' Homes in Caribou. 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.

Maine Veterans' Homes provide exceptional care to those who have served our country, and it is essential that they have adequate and predictable funding. Right now, the reimbursement model does not fully cover the costs of caring for each resident. LD 182 will help ensure they receive the necessary resources to continue delivering high-quality care, retain skilled staff, and protect access to services for Veterans across Maine.

This issue matters deeply to me because my husband resides in Maine Veterans' Homes – Caribou. I have seen firsthand the positive impact that MVH has on Veterans and their families, and I want to ensure this level of care continues for generations to come.

I respectfully ask that you support LD 182 and help protect and sustain Maine Veterans' Homes.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and dedication to serving our community.

Sincerely,

Cindy Farley