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Representative William Bridgeo
Senator Richard Bradstreet
Members of the Committee on Health and Human Services
132nd Maine Legislature
Cross Building, Room 209
Augusta, ME 04333

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

My name is Roger Martin, and I am a proud resident of Maine Veterans' Homes in Augusta. I served in the United States Air Force from 1965 to 1971, including during the Vietnam War, where I lost four close friends. I earned three medals, including the Good Conduct Medal.

I'm writing today 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 have provided me and my fellow Veterans with care, dignity, and support that truly make a difference in our daily lives. At MVH, I'm treated with kindness, the food is great, and I even enjoy helping out by doing the dishes! I've made many new friends—both fellow Veterans and some wonderful ladies who teach me new things every day.

But this level of care isn't possible without adequate and consistent funding. Right now, MaineCare doesn't fully cover the costs of caring for each resident. LD 182 would ensure that MVH has the resources it needs to continue providing high-quality care, retain dedicated staff, and preserve access to these services for Veterans across Maine.

This matters deeply to me and to many others who call MVH home. I respectfully ask for your support of LD 182 to help protect and sustain the Homes that care for those who served.

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

Sincerely,

Roger P. Martin 