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Health and Human Services Committee  
Senate Chair, Honorable Henry Ingwersen  
House Chair, Honorable Michele Meyer  
Members of the Committee  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer and Members of the Committee,

My name is Gary Crocker and I am a Vietnam Veteran who visits and volunteers regularly at the Maine Veterans Home here in Augusta. My Father (a WW II Veteran) and several other friends and family members have received exceptional care in our Maine Veterans Homes! In fact, my Brother-In-Law who is 100% disabled is currently residing at the Veterans Home here in Augusta.

I'm here today to add my voice 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.

While the care my friends and family have received in Maine's Veterans Homes has been exceptional the reimbursement rate is not currently adequate to meet staffing and service needs.

End of life issues are difficult for all of us, but they are particularly difficult for Veterans who have to deal with injuries and disabilities sustained while defending our nation.

I respectfully request that you vote LD 182 out of Committee with a Unanimous Ought to Pass vote to help protect and sustain one of the finest Veterans Support Organizations in Maine, and in my opinion, across our Great Nation, Our Maine Veterans Homes !!

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important piece of legislation. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

  
Sincerely,

Gary Crocker