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To whom it may concern,

I, Brianna Jarman, am one of the many voices who speak for the veterans of MVH Caribou. I have worked as an employee for almost 6 years. I am writing to you in hopes you will accept the legislature for keeping the both of the homes open.

The best reasoning is because it is a home to the very people who fought for my right to speak, write, to even this email to you. People who have witnessed horrific things, who have lost comrades and limbs so I could have the ability to be who I am today. Veterans have sacrificed so much for the US of today, that they deserve every best bit of care they can receive. Why do we take away their VA clinic AND potential retirement home (with silver quality and no true Covid outbreak for 2 years)? Veterans deserve a safe place like MVH Caribou.

Potential plans for some residents is to move them 3+ hours away from their families to an unfamiliar place that they must learn new faces and schedules. Most of these residents have dementia/Alzheimer's, which a drastic change such as moving to Bangor or Augusta could affect them in a negatively way. I could not imagine the anxiety and frustration for someone who could not completely understand what is going on.

I have had the opportunity to experience some of the most beautiful and kind hearted veterans who still live on in my heart even long after they have passed. Memories that I will not ever forget, and am so thankful to have. I have dedicated 80+ hours a week to make sure the residents have 110% care. I even had the opportunity to take care of my own grandmother after she became very sick with dementia. Although her time was short there, I was truly appreciative of the attentive care she received from my fellow coworkers. They all treat every veteran with the best of care, but when it's your own family- it just gives you a good feeling to know that they are safe.

And I am so proud to be a part of a work place that truly takes pride in their care for the veterans of Aroostook county. So please take into account how many amazing veterans need this home and do not want to leave. To see these veterans scared and worried about losing their home and moving who knows where- I refuse to stand aside and be quiet. Thank you for taking the time to read this testimony, I hope you take into consideration how this would be beneficial to keep MVH Caribou.

Thank you,  
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