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County of Aroostook
LD 2001

Public Statement on Announced Closure of the Caribou Veterans Home and LD 2001

Dear Committee Members of Veterans and Legal Affairs:

The Board of Aroostook County Commissioners have issued the following statement regarding the recent announcement of the closure of the Maine Veterans' Home in Caribou:

The Board finds the recent announcement regarding the proposed closure of the Caribou Veterans Home to be deeply troubling to our County and the men and women who have served our Country in the United States Armed Forces. The announcement does not give our citizens many options and very little notice to react thoughtfully.

The residents of Aroostook County who will be displaced by this decision and the burden it will put on them and their families can not be put aside. As the elected County Commissioners of Aroostook County, we will advocate to our state and federal delegation members to assist them in finding solutions to assist our Veterans. They have paid the sacrifices of serving our Country and it is now time to serve them.

We support LD 2001 and ask the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs to fully support an ought to pass report.

Aroostook County Board of Commissioners

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