February 17, 2023

VIA EMAIL (craig.hickman@legislature.maine.gov; jessica.fay@legislature.maine.gov)

The Honorable Craig V. Hickman
The Honorable Jessica L. Fay
Co-Chairs, Government Oversight Committee
c/o Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability
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Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Sen. Hickman and Rep. Fay,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes ("MVH"), I am writing to confirm receipt of your letter, dated February 14, 2023, to Don Lagace, President of MVH's Board. Per your request, I forwarded your letter to our full Board on February 14, 2023.

Understanding the unique relationship the Government Oversight Committee has with the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability ("OPEGA"), I will respond directly to that office to maintain the necessary separation from your committee.

Thank you for your letter and please know that while I am new to Maine and MVH, I recognize and respect your committee's oversight role and pledge to cooperate fully with OPEGA.

Sincerely,

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