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COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

To: Sen. Margaret Rotundo, Senate Chair  
 Rep. Jeremy Fischer, House Chair  
 Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From: Sen. Bill Diamond, Senate Chair *BD*  
 Rep. Stan Gerzofsky, House Chair *SG*  
 Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Re: Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee Supplemental Budget report backs  
 pursuant to Joint Rule 314

Date: February 14, 2008

Please accept this memo in response to your request for Supplemental Budget report backs pursuant to Joint Rule 314.

#### **Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management**

The committee has reviewed MEMA's Supplemental Budget request and proposed amendments that will be put forth in a change package. The committee supports the department's recommendations. However, we would like to express our grave concern regarding the additional reliance on federal dollars to reach the targets that MEMA has put forward. We have been assured by Director McAleer that the current services provided by MEMA to Maine residents will not change under these proposals. If in the future these federal dollars do become unavailable, some of the services that MEMA provides today will presumably be on the table once again.

#### **Department of Public Safety**

Because the committee has not seen the new proposed cuts that were put forward to meet the additional \$99 million target, the committee is not prepared to make its recommendations at this time. We plan on meeting next week and may have additional information for you then, or as soon as we receive pertinent information from the Executive branch.

### **Department of Corrections**

Because the committee has not seen the new proposed cuts that were put forward to meet the additional \$99 million target and is still working through the State-county jail proposal, which obviously involves the budget, the committee is not prepared to make its recommendations at this time. We plan on meeting next week and may have additional information for you then.

c: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs  
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
Director Robert McAleer, MEMA  
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