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Honorable Troy Jackson Senate President 3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross Speaker of the House 2 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross:

I am honored to accept your invitation to deliver the State of the State Address before a Joint Convention of the Legislature on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Over the past year, and in particular the last several months, the resilience and resolve of Maine people has been tested mightily – by the horrific tragedy in Lewiston in October, the severe wind and rain storm in December, and the many other challenges we have faced along the way.

But in these difficult moments, the people of Maine have banded together in support of one another, their communities, and our state like never before. While at times it may be difficult to see hope, I see it every day in the simple acts of kindness, compassion, and generosity by people across our state. And it is because of Maine people – because of their unyielding resilience and resolve in the hardest of times – that I feel more confident in the future of our state and in our ability to address our challenges than ever before.

I look forward to addressing the Legislature and to partnering with you, and the people we serve, to enact meaningful public policy that will improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people.

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills Governor

