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January 22, 2009

Senator G. William Diamond, Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs  
Room 228, State House  
Augusta, ME 04333

Representative Emily Ann Cain, Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs  
Room 228, State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: LD 45: Supplemental budget proposal affecting legislative accounts

Dear Senator Diamond and Representative Cain:

In *LD 45: An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009*, Part L, the Governor proposes that \$1,585,008 from legislative accounts lapse to the General Fund in FY09 in order to help reduce the anticipated State budget shortfall in FY09. The proposed downward adjustment in legislative accounts represents 5.5 percent of the Legislature's total General Fund appropriations and is consistent with the amount proposed by the State Budget Officer.

Pursuant to 3MRSA §162 and 521, the Legislative Council is charged with oversight of all legislative accounts and making adjustments to those accounts as appropriate. The Legislative Council's budget subcommittee reviewed Part L of LD 45 and unanimously recommended acceptance of the Part L language to the full Legislative Council. The Legislative Council also found the language in Part L to be acceptable and appropriate and unanimously voted today to approve this adjustment in the amount of \$1,585,008 without change.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Executive Director David Boulter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H R.' with a flourish.

Hannah M. Pingree, Chair  
Legislative Council

CC: Legislative Council Members  
David E. Boulter, Executive Director