1 August 2017

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1263, “Resolve, To Increase Affordability of Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families.”

This bill requires the state to bear the entire cost with no matching funds from local communities. This bill grows dependence on state government, and by only providing one year of funding, the bill establishes an expectation that this will be an ongoing expense for the state.

Further, the legislature has funded this bill by raiding the "Medical Use of Marijuana Fund," proving once again the legislature charges fees it knows it does not need in order to create slush funds for pet projects.

This is a dishonest bill that uses financial gimmicks to grow government dependence. For these reasons, I return LD 1263 unsigned and vetoed. I urge the legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Paul R. LePage
Governor