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The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201


Dear Secretary Sebelius:

You recently received a letter from Representative Chellie Pingree concerning various matters related to welfare reform. I write today to ensure you know that her position does not represent the State of Maine and inform you that you will be receiving further information from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services in the coming weeks.

Representative Pingree's letter makes a number of claims that are, at best, misleading, and, at worst, false. I encourage you and your staff to put aside her opinion piece and ensure that Maine's upcoming submission receives a full, fair, and equitable review, free of political interference. I know you take your duty to uphold the Constitution and laws of the United States seriously and will reserve judgment until the law and facts are fully-presented.

Commissioner Mayhew and I look forward to working with you on these important matters. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor

cc: The Honorable Olympia Snowe
The Honorable Susan Collins
The Honorable Michael Michaud
The Honorable Chellie Pingree
Commissioner Mary Mayhew



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