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Dear Maine State Employees and Retirees:

We all know the value of giving, and how the impact of helping a neighbor affects not only our own lives positively, but our communities and entire state. After all, Mainers are known for looking out for each other. For many current and former State employees, our care and compassion for others extends beyond the important work we do each day here at the State of Maine. That charitable spirit takes many meaningful forms, including in contributions made through the Maine State Employees' Combined Charitable Appeal (MSECCA).

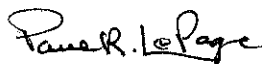
During the 32 year history of MSECCA, roughly \$6 million has been raised. Last year alone, State workers and retirees showed their collaborative commitment to their communities by contributing nearly \$300,000 to charitable organizations to assist people throughout Maine, and around the world. That's an extraordinary achievement and you should take pride in knowing that your generosity and that of your co-workers continues to create hope and opportunity for people in our State and beyond.


On behalf of the hundreds of worthy organizations and the hundreds of thousands of individuals who rely upon them, we hope you will again consider giving generously through MSECCA if you are able. While Maine's economy is improving, continued global economic challenges make it more important than ever to lend a hand-up to those individuals and families less fortunate than we are. Join us in keeping the Maine tradition of neighbors helping neighbors strong.

If you plan to contribute to any cause in 2013, please consider donating through MSECCA. Making a contribution through MSECCA is easier than ever thanks to simple, secure online giving at www.maine.gov/msecca. Upon log-in, you'll find hundreds of available charities or you can manually enter a charity that's important to you and your family if it isn't already listed. Each year, the cost of administrating the campaign is reduced, ensuring your dollars go further than ever before to directly supporting the causes you care about.

Thank you for all you do each day in service of your neighbors, both as State workers and as citizens within your communities and for your consideration and hopefully your contributions through MSECCA. Together, we will continue to change lives and strengthen Maine.

Sincerely,


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