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JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON MAINE'S WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC FUTURE

TO: Senator Dawn Hill, Senate Chair
Representative Margaret Rotundo, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Seth A. Goodall, Senate Chair
Representative Seth A. Berry, House Chair
Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future

DATE: June 24, 2013

RE: Committee Appropriation Table priorities

On behalf of the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future, we are writing to provide the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee with our priorities for the three bills from the committee currently on the Special Appropriations Table.

The bill receiving the highest ranking from a majority of committee members was LD 90, An Act To Strengthen Maine's Workforce and Economic Future. As you know, however, most of the elements of that bill were incorporated into LD 1509, the Biennial Budget bill.

For the remaining two bills, a majority of committee members ranked LD 1489, An Act To Address Maine's Immediate Workforce Needs (\$175,000 in GF funds in 2013-14 and \$50,000 in 2014-14) as the next priority for funding. A majority of committee members ranked LD 1172, An Act To Support the Maine Downtown Center (\$100,000 in GF funds in each year of the biennium) as the next priority for funding. We note, however, that there was a very narrow difference in the rankings between LD 1489 and LD 1172.

Thank you for considering our priority recommendations. Please let us know if you have questions or require additional information.