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Governor John Baldacci
1 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Governor Baldacci,

On May 13, 2003 I faxed a letter to you regarding the Department of Human Services and your intervention on hiring auditors to help determine how \$19.8 million was spent by the DHS. I offered evidence on where monies were spent, as well as other problems associated with the DHS. I have received no response from your office.

I read in the newspaper that you stated that the problems with DHS began before you were elected Governor. That is absolutely correct. However, I have e-mails and correspondence sent to you in January 2002, certified/return receipt, per request of your secretary, requesting your assistance in initiating a full investigation into the Department of Human Services which included the problem that you are investigating today. You were aware back in 2002 of the problem that exists today in the DHS. The missing Federal monies are the monies of taxpayers from all over this country. People across this country will not be very happy that not only you as a Congressman, but also Senator Susan Collins, were contacted regarding the DHS issues. As Chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Susan Collins, thanked me for contacting her and that was the end of that!!

Several phone calls made to your office this week have not been returned. I did finally get to speak with Lee Umphrey for a minute this afternoon and he said that he would return my call in one hour. Time has passed and he has not returned the call. I was lied to once again. I expect that things will be as usual in Augusta and that I will not get a return call. I wanted to leave a message with him to have you call me about this DHS matter. Do you want another scandal within the Attorney General's Office just like the public scandal with DHS? I brought corporate fraud, extortion, theft by deception to the

A.G.'s office. Both Assistant Attorneys General, Linda Conti and Francis Ackerman, stated in a letter to me that these felonies **do not warrant an investigation**. If this doesn't warrant an investigation, then what does? Is this what these people get paid for? I tried to rectify matters in a diplomatic way in order to avoid embarrassment to any official, but officials in Augusta seem to think that they are above the law and do whatever they want. There is so much unrest in the world today that it is a disgrace, beyond words, that officials in our own State of Maine allow brutalities, abuses, and inhumane treatment upon its own citizens. This scandal goes beyond all bounds of human decency!

The public will be informed of your knowledge of the problems with DHS before you took office, just as you know about the problems within the Attorney General's Office. With all due respect, Governor Baldacci, this could have been avoided if the Attorney General, Steven Rowe, would have done his job. However, the same pattern continues in the Attorney General's Office. This could have been avoided had Mr. Umphrey returned my call. The letter writing is over! It's time for the citizens of Maine to know the kind of representation we have in Augusta.

Sincerely,

Philip Castora

CC: Gail Chase, State Auditor
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