



City of Biddeford, Maine

Alan M. Casavant
Mayor

The Honorable Paul R. LePage
Office of the Governor
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May 14, 2015

Dear Governor LePage,

I would like to commend and thank you for meeting with one of the alleged victims in the sexual abuse controversy that has been making headlines in Biddeford.

This has been a very difficult road for the alleged victims, and I believe their quest has been made more frustrating by the confusing vagaries of dealing with governmental processes. It is not always clear to the average citizen, at any one time, what is the best and most effective process for achieving true justice for real victims. To be honest, even we with ample experience in government sometimes struggle with setting the right course.

It is a process, however, and I am a firm believer that eventually the governmental process works. That's why it was very encouraging to hear that your meeting went well yesterday. The Biddeford City Council and I are quite certain that justice will be served, and certainly your firm leadership will be of great assistance in reaching that positive outcome.

As you know, state senator David Dutremble has indicated that he is researching emergency state legislation, and we would like you to know he has our strong support. Also, the Biddeford City Council is deliberating local legislation that parallels Senator Dutremble's efforts. We hope to pass such an ordinance very soon. Finally, the Biddeford City Council is holding a special meeting on Tuesday, May 19th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., to hear from citizens on the topic of the various allegations and investigations. I know you that you are very busy, but let me be crystal clear in writing that we would be honored if you decide to attend.

Thank you, Governor LePage, for your strong leadership. The citizens of Biddeford and the entire state appreciate your personal interest in this crucial topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Casavant", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Alan Casavant
Mayor