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Grant T. Pennoyer, Executive Director
Legislative Council
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Augusta, Maine 04333-0115

Dear Mr. Pennoyer:

I understand that the Revisor's Office has already chaptered a number of bills the Governor is holding because the Legislature's adjournment prevented his return of the bills to their House(s) of origin within the 10 day deadline. As a result of the Legislature's conduct, and as I am sure you know, the Governor disputes the present validity of these laws. On the other hand, of course, the Governor's opponents wish to rush through the procedural hurdles associated with implementation of the laws and declare them valid. Having the Revisor's Office completely ignore the Governor's position is not only overly partisan conduct on the part of the Revisor's Office, it is also unnecessary as the Governor intends to seek a legal solution to this matter. There is nothing in 3 M.R.S. §163-A that demands such immediate action on the part of the Revisor.

Regardless of whether we agree on which legal theory is more persuasive, surely we can agree that there is a great need for a reasoned and legal resolution. Accordingly, I am requesting that the Revisor's Office pause in its zeal to effectuate these laws, allowing time for the dispute to be addressed. In addition, I suggest that at the very least, this matter should be voted on in the Legislative Council.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



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Chief Legal Counsel



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