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The Honorable Craig V. Hickman, Senate Chair
The Honorable Anne-Marie Mastraccio, House Chair
Government Oversight Committee
82 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0082

Dear Senator Hickman and Representative Mastraccio:

In light of the tragic double homicide that occurred in Chelsea on June 11, 2025, and that concern about the mental health of the juvenile charged with the murders has come into question due to his having been in State custody prior to the incident, I respectfully request that the Government Oversight Committee (GOC) perform a case file review of the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) conduct in looking after the 16-year-old juvenile.

The Department's less-than-stellar track record of caring for and seeing to the safety of Maine children in their ward continues to draw criticism. As a member of the GOC, as well as the Health and Human Services Committee, I propose that we carry out due diligence and again place DHHS under a focused lens of investigation to see how we can go about assisting in the prevention of similar disheartening events.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. I would be happy to speak with you directly in the event you have any related follow-up questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael H. Lemelin".

Michael H. Lemelin
State Representative