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Representative Ann-Marie Mastraccio, Anne-Marie.Mastraccio@legislature.maine.gov, House Chair
Government Oversight Committee of the Maine State Legislature

Dear Senator Hickman and Representative Mastraccio:

I write in response to the two follow-up questions that the Government Oversight Committee sent to the Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC) on July 6, 2026, after I appeared before the Government Oversight Committee (the "Committee") on June 17.

In the follow-up letter, the Committee asked "Since the enactment of 34-A M.R.S. § 3031(10) (or any provision of PL 2021, c. 263), how many trans men (persons assigned a gender of female at birth but who identify as men) have been resident in a Maine correctional facility (or section or unit) limited to male inmates? For each, also: the dates, and what were the terms of that housing (e.g., general population; administrative segregation; or other)?" The Committee's second question was the same question but for trans women.

The questions pertain to "Maine correctional facilities." MDOC is only responding for MDOC facilities, not county jails, which do not fall under MDOC's control.

Since 2021, 9 transgender women and/or nonbinary persons who were assigned male at birth have been housed at some point at the women's facilities at the Maine Correctional Center or the Southern Maine Women's Reentry Center. Since 2021, 2 transgender men and/or nonbinary persons who were assigned female at birth have been housed at some point at a men's facility.

We decline to provide specific date ranges (including dates reflecting present housing) or specific units, out of concern for the privacy and safety of residents and to ensure compliance with 34-A M.R.S. § 1216, which makes information on specific residents confidential absent a release or court order or other inapplicable circumstances.

Sincerely,

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cc: Peter Schleck, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability, via email

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Making our communities safer by reducing harm through supportive intervention, empowering change, and restoring lives.