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Subject: Biddeford situation

Dear Governor: When I finished my day's work and started to watch the last couple innings of the Yankees making the Red Sox look like grammar school ballplayers, I thought that I could relax and enjoy the last couple innings and my evening meal. Needless to say, that hope was shattered by the telephone. It appears that by your inaction and failure to get involved in a situation that has been developing for a long time, a critical situation is brewing in Biddeford.

A member of your staff responded to an earlier e-mail that I had sent you saying you could not get involved because the situation was before the court. Why isn't the same thing true in the AMHI situation. I hope that you don't tell me that these are two different situations. AMHI should have been put under the control of a third party a long time ago. Your predecessor would not get involved in the mis-carriage of justice in Biddeford and you apparently refuse to do so as well. As I indicated in my last message, you have been made aware of the confiscation of private property for a long time, but have refused to act.

Your inaction may have created a situation that can only give Maine and Mainers a big black eye. Ms. LaFortune has been denied her constitutional rights to a trial by a jury of her peers. Is the phrase in the Pledge of Allegiance a mockery when we say with "Liberty and Justice for all"? It certainly appears that way. Before your election we have had three different AG's who have refused to investigate the situation and the times that I approached members of police forces I was told that the individuals had mental problems. Is it a mental problem to want to protect your own family and your own property? A gentleman who has attempted to help in this situation has served as a city councilor for Biddeford and has been licensed private investigator for nearly 40 years. He has had ample time to research all the aspects of this situation and yet he cannot be heard. Why? I am not certain what decision the court has upheld from the lower court, but would guess that it is some type of eviction notice.

I have heard that the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court used the same argument that your staff member gave about not being able to be involved as it was before the court. I certainly hope that the actions of both of you does not result in a situation that will give Maine bad publicity that it does not need. The so-called tax reform issues and the casino issue are already doing that.

I suggest that you discard your role as inactive participant and travel to Biddeford, examine all the facts in this situation and see why something such as this is happening to one of our citizens whose well being is one of your charges and responsibilities. Situations such as this is one of the reasons that I entered the race in 1998--your predecessor had no concern for the citizens of Maine and was not interested in protecting property rights of anyone.

I hope to be able to review the news tomorrow and find that you have accepted your responsibility as governor and have taken this situation in hand.

Sincerely,

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