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July 2, 2009

Dear Ms. LaFortune:

I am writing in response to your letter to me dated June 9, 2009. My counsel in the Office of the Attorney General has confirmed that the statutory authority of the Controller does not contain any provision for the holding of an administrative hearing such as that suggested by your letter.

To the extent that you have information that you believe demonstrates the misuse of public funds, you may submit it to the State Auditor by letter or via her webpage, <u>http://www.maine.gov/audit/</u>. You may also submit information to the Office of the Attorney General if it concerns a violation of a law which provides for criminal or civil penalties.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely Edward Karass, State Controller

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