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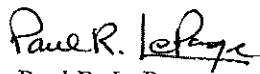
Greetings,

I would like to thank Maine's lawyers who have been so generous in contributing their time, talent, and financial resources to provide pro bono services to those of limited means. Access to justice is a fundamental and essential right in a democratic society. Pro bono service programs, legal service agencies, the Maine State Bar Association, and the courts have enlisted the service of many Maine lawyers to provide crucial services to those in need.

Courts around the country will be recognizing "National Pro Bono Week" from October 21-27, 2012 in honor of lawyers who give their time and talent and encourage ever greater pro bono participation by members of the bar. Maine's lawyers are providing pro bono assistance in critical domestic violence cases where victims seeking civil restraining orders are very often unrepresented. These pro bono services are very important to Maine citizens seeking complex legal resolutions.

I, Paul R. LePage, Governor of the State of Maine, would like to thank Maine's lawyers who generously provide pro bono services to the great citizens of Maine.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor

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