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Matthew Pollack
Chief Executive Clerk
Maine Supreme Judicial Court
205 Newbury St., Room 139
Portland, ME 04101

Re: *In the Matter of Request for Opinion of the Justices*, OJ-23-1

Dear Mr. Pollack:

In connection with the above-captioned matter, Governor Janet T. Mills wishes to inform this Honorable Court that the Chief Executive concurs with the arguments set forth in Parts I and II of the brief of Attorney General Aaron M. Frey. Governor Mills takes no position on the issues addressed in the remainder of Attorney General Frey's brief, as those issues do not directly impact the Governor's role regarding the direct initiation of legislation under the Constitution. The Governor's Office does not request time to be heard at oral argument.

Thank you for your attention. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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