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The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 897, "An Act To Establish the Volunteer Advocate Program and the Volunteer Advocate Program Council."

This bill creates an entirely new program and an entirely new council without any new funding. Instead, it cannibalizes existing efforts and forces existing boards to cover all the costs. While the program outlined in this bill might be worthwhile, I believe it requires more work at this time and should be considered in the context of wholesale changes to our delivery of services for Maine's most vulnerable.

For these reasons, I return LD 897 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor



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