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December 28, 2010

Honorable Douglas A. Thomas
Honorable H. David Cotta
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government
Cross Office Building, Room 216
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Thomas, Representative Cotta and Members of the Committee:

This annual report of the activities of the Advisory Committee on Fair Competition with Private Enterprise is presented pursuant to Title 5 MSRA Section 55. In 2000, the Maine Legislature created the Advisory Committee on Fair Competition with Private Enterprise to review complaints where government competition with private enterprise is potentially unfair.

The Advisory Committee consists of members appointed from government agencies, state employee and private sector representatives who meet to review complaints on government competition with private enterprise.

Since its inception, it has reviewed a number of complaints of unfair competition by government with private enterprise in a variety of areas including water testing, printing, and vending services. During calendar year 2010, the Committee received no complaints of unfair competition.

The Advisory Committee's responsibilities were expanded during the first regular session of the 121st Maine Legislature to approve the provision of services and goods by state agencies that are not otherwise allowed by law, and may compete with private enterprise. During calendar year 2010, the Committee received no requests from state agencies to approve the provision of goods or services.

The Committee has no further issues to report regarding its activities in 2010.

Sincerely,

Domna Giatas
Chair

cc: Committee Members