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**RE: Carl Lindemann's March 5, 2007 Complaint**

Dear Jonathan:

I am writing on behalf of the Maine Heritage Policy Center ("MHPC") in response to your request for a response to Carl Lindemann's complaint dated March 5, 2007.

MHPC's §1056(B) submission is complete and accurate. MHPC staff worked diligently to apply the guidelines prepared by the Commission's staff to MHPC's activities. When there was any question as to whether an expenditure should or should not be included in the §1056(B) filing, MHPC erred on the side of including the expenditure in the report.

The arguments made by Mr. Lindemann in his March 5, 2007 complaint are fundamentally the same as those he made in support of his earlier complaint against MHPC. He has offered no evidence to support his claim that MHPC's §1056(B) filing is incomplete. His complaint is based on his allegations concerning the veracity of statements by representatives of MHPC, his analysis of press releases, and his complaints about Commissioners and Commission staff. The Commission has heard all these arguments before. The arguments are not worthy of further consideration.

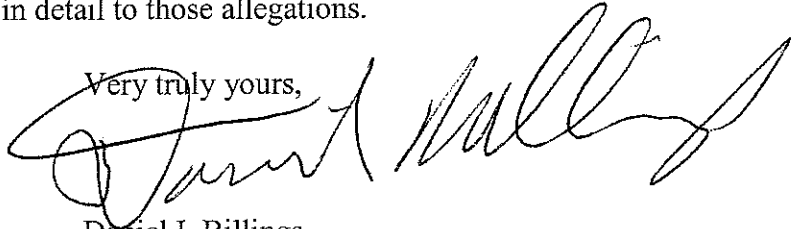
If the Commission decides that Mr. Lindemann's theories are worthy of consideration, I request that any action concerning Mr. Lindemann's new complaint be deferred until the court has completed its consideration Mr. Lindemann's appeal of the Commission's ruling on his earlier complaint. If Mr. Lindemann's appeal is successful, MHPC will likely be required to make new submissions to the Commission and any questions about the completeness of MHPC's §1056(B) filing will be moot.

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To date, MHPC has expended a great deal of time and resources responding to Mr. Lindemann's allegations. It would be an unfair burden on MHPC to require the organization to respond to Mr. Lindemann's new complaint at the same time it is participating in the court's consideration of his appeal.

I request that the Commission first determine whether this matter is worthy of consideration. If the Commission is going to take up the matter now, I request guidance regarding which of Mr. Lindemann's many allegations it considers worthy of consideration and additional time to respond in detail to those allegations.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel I. Billings". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping tail.

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