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To: Members of the Department of Maine, American Legion

Subject: Your Voice Matters! Support The American Legion's 2025 Legislative Priorities through the Grassroots Action Center

Dear Fellow Legionnaires,

As members of The American Legion, we share a profound commitment to serving our nation's veterans, servicemembers, and their families. Our collective strength has always been rooted in our grassroots advocacy, and now, more than ever, your active participation is crucial to advancing The American Legion's 2025 Legislative Priorities.

The American Legion's National Headquarters has identified key issues that directly impact our veteran community and national security. These priorities include:

- **Accelerating Military Quality of Life Improvements:** Ensuring our servicemembers and their families have the support, pay, and infrastructure they deserve.
- **Border Security:** Advocating strong national security measures to protect our borders.
- **Advancing Lethality of the Armed Forces:** Supporting the resources and policies needed for a strong and ready military.
- **Funding a Robust State Department and Foreign Operations Budget:** Recognizing the importance of diplomacy and foreign aid in a complex global landscape.
- **Protecting Coast Guard Pay and Entitlements:** Ensuring the Coast Guard receives the same protection as other branches of the military.
- **Full Accountability of our POW/MIA Servicemembers:** Continuing the unwavering commitment to bringing all missing servicemembers home.

To effectively champion these critical issues, we urge every member to utilize **The American Legion Grassroots Action Center**. This powerful online tool allows you to directly contact your congressional representatives and make your voice heard on the issues that matter most to veterans.

Here is how to easily access the Grassroots Action Center and engage with your lawmakers:

1. **Visit the American Legion's Advocacy Page:** Go to www.legion.org/advocacy.
2. **Locate the "Grassroots Action Center":** On the advocacy page, you will see a prominent link or section labeled "Grassroots Action Center." Click on this.
3. **Find the Legislative Priorities:** Once on the Grassroots Action Center page, look for links to "Legislative Agenda & Point Papers" or similar phrasing. This is where you will find detailed information on the 2025 legislative priorities.
4. **Connect with Your Representatives:** The Grassroots Action Center provides tools to find your elected officials by entering your zip code and then allows you to send pre-written messages, or customize your own, directly to their offices.

Even a brief email or phone call can have a significant impact when multiplied by the voices of thousands of Legionnaires across the country. Your personal stories and perspectives as constituents carry immense weight with your representatives.

Let us stand together and demonstrate the unwavering commitment of The American Legion to our veterans and our nation. Your support through the Grassroots Action Center is vital to our success.

For God and Country,

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