Dear Friends and Residents of Montville,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your state senator. I am honored to represent Waldo County in Augusta, and I promise to work as hard as I can on your behalf.

In this past year we have confronted a global pandemic, personal and tragic losses, an economic crisis and a host of significant disruptions to our daily lives. Even though the end of this difficult time seems to be coming to a close with the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccines, I would encourage everyone to stay strong and do their part now to slow the spread of the virus. I also ask everyone to continue what we do best, looking after and caring for each other.

In the Legislature, I have been appointed to serve as Chair of the Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business Committee. I requested this committee because I know that a strong diversified economy is essential for our rural communities. I look forward to working creatively to uplift Maine’s workers and small businesses and strengthen our local economies. I will also serve on the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee, which oversees many of our heritage industries and hobbies including hunting, fishing, and boating.

At least for the start of the session, we will be doing much of our work virtually, and only convening in person when it’s necessary. Our committee hearings and meetings will all be live-streamed and recorded and can be viewed online at [www.legislature.maine.gov](http://www.legislature.maine.gov). Most importantly there are many ways you can have your voice heard at the legislature. You will be able to participate and provide testimony on bills via phone or videoconference, as well as by submitting written testimony online at [www.mainelegislature.org/testimony](http://www.mainelegislature.org/testimony). The legislature works best when we hear from you and I will make sure that you have ample access to see our work and to add your voice to the process.

I also want to remind you that I am here as a resource to you or your family. Whether you have an issue with a business recovery grant, unemployment benefits, need to contact a state agency or just have a question or comment, don’t hesitate to reach out. You can send me an email at Chip.Curry@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at 287-1515.

I know these are still difficult times, but we will get through them and on to brighter days.

Sincerely,

Chip Curry

State Senator