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To Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation

Re: L.D. 671, “An Act to Abolish the Maine Income Tax and Establish a Zero-based Budget”

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Sen. Grohosi, Rep. Cloutier, and members of the Taxation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony before you today. I’m Penny Morrell, taxpayer and citizen of the Town of Belgrade, Maine.

I support L.D. 671, “An Act to Abolish the Maine Income Tax and Establish a Zero-based Budget”

It is way past time to get our house in order, stop the extravagant waste of taxpayer funds, and balance our budget here in Maine. Like in our nation, where DOGE is finding much fraud, waste, and abuse, we here in Maine know it exists here as well.

Many states do not even have a state income tax. Maine ranks almost the highest in taxes to live here, with only two other states worse than us, I believe. Small businesses are going out of business because of high taxes and over-regulations. It needs to stop, and abolishing the Maine income tax is a good place to start.

Zero-based budgeting is the best way to go to get our footing back on track. If the state government needs one dollar, tell us why. Tell us what you want to do with it. Every cent taken from taxpayers needs to be accounted for and spent for needs, not wishes and extravagance.

I urge this committee to vote “ought to pass” on LD 671. Thank you.