

Testimony in Support of  
LD 440: Resolve, to Study the Economic Effects of Instituting a Seasonal Sales Tax  
February 27, 2025

Chairpersons Senator Grohoski and Representative Cloutier and honorable members of the Taxation Committee:

My name is Kerry Leichtman. I am a Certified Maine Assessor serving the jurisdictions of Camden and Rockport and am writing you today in support of LD 440.

I believe a seasonal sales tax is a good idea. We are Vacationland. Serving the needs of our visitors is not inexpensive. Increasing the sales tax rate during the high tourist season makes sense to me, but not to others, who claim it will dissuade people from coming here doing harm to a very important source of revenues for the many businesses who depend on tourism, as do my jurisdictions of Camden and Rockport.

LD 440 is about gathering facts, not opinions. Let's get those facts so that decisions can be made based on reality rather than emotion.

Thank you.