

Testimony in Opposition to LDs 632 and 746
Mike Williams
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Dear Chairpersons and Members of the Committee,

I am writing as the General Manager of the Royal Anchor Beach Resort to strongly oppose LDs 632 and 746. These bills would make Maine an even higher-taxed state and put an unnecessary strain on our tourism industry.

Higher lodging taxes make Maine less competitive, driving visitors to neighboring states with lower costs. Tourism is a vital part of our economy, supporting jobs and local businesses. Adding more taxes will only discourage visitors and hurt the businesses that depend on them.

Local option taxes also create complexity and unpredictability for both businesses and travelers. Instead of adding financial burdens, we should focus on policies that support economic growth and a strong hospitality industry such as marketing the State of Maine as a premier travel destination.

I urge you to reject these bills. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Williams", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mike Williams