

Testimony in Opposition of

LD 570: An Act to Provide an Additional Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption  
Based on Income

March 19, 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 opposition to LD 570.

Personally, I'd like this bill to pass as I would qualify for the additional \$75,000 exemption. But I  
don't think many of the people in my jurisdiction would want to share their 1040's with me, and  
I don't want them. When you consider that assessors are not thought of as being trustworthy  
enough to keep Tree Growth Forest Management Plans confidential, why would we be entrusted  
with income documentation?

Income based tax relief in the form of a more generous property tax fairness credit violates no  
one's privacy. I recommend that path, should you want to pursue this idea.

Thank you for considering my testimony.