

March 22, 2025

Hon. Senator Nicole Grohoski
Hon. Rep. Kristen Cloutier
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation
100 State House Station
Augusta ME 04330

Dear Taxation Committee members,

I am writing to support two bills, LD 1089, the millionaire's tax, and LD 1047, a tax on capital gains income.

I am 85 years old, have lived in Maine all my life, and have always paid my fair share of taxes. Why shouldn't Maine's most wealthy residents pay theirs?

Right now, some billionaires and big corporations pay little to nothing in taxes because of loopholes and laws that allow them to get away with this. A businessperson making a million dollars a year should more in taxes than a teacher or firefighter and especially a retired person like me.

Taxes pay for things that we need, like good schools, clean water, and emergency services. Wealthy people need them also. They use these services just like everyone else, but they can pay the same (or less) than many Maine working people. This is not fair.

I urge you to vote in favor of both these bills and help Maine families and seniors like myself who need the services that state taxes pay for.

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