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Good morning Sen. Grohoski and Rep. Cloutier and members of the Taxation Committee,

My name is Yemaya St.Clair and I am writing to testify in support of two tax fairness priority bills, LD 1089 and LD 1047.

I strongly believe that taxation inequity is a primary factor enabling poverty and keeping our low income and working class communities stuck. Poverty is a policy issue. The two bills before you today offer an opportunity to course-correct policy in a way that will allow hardworking Maine people to experience more fairness and opportunity.

I am part of a family with wealth, and I am also a working mom with two young kids who cares about the future of Maine. While I currently benefit from the inequitable tax structure of today, I also know that it's unfair and that it undermines the overall health of our communities. The wealthy should pay our fair share in taxes. Period.

Fair tax policies allow more money to stay in communities, ensuring greater investment in public schools, infrastructure, and services like child care and health care. Other states have created similar policy to what is proposed today, and these policies are working, without hurting job growth or small businesses.

Please vote Ought To Pass on LD 1089 and LD 1047 and make Maine's Tax Structure fairer.

Thank you.