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Senator Grohoski, Representative Cloutier, and members of the Taxation Committee, my name is Michael Lambert, and I live in Portland, ME. I am writing to testify in support of both LD 1047 AND LD 1089, so my argument is general in nature.

I was working as a boatbuilder and then an arborist when I married into the Rockefeller family, and when I did so my tax rate was about cut in half, simply because I suddenly made money from capital gains, instead of labor. In the years since that experience, I've tried to convince democratic office holders, and other donors as well, that they won't be able to convince people that we are on their side for long if this inequity continues. And now in this moment, when a not-insignificant share of voters are both looking for help, and finding out where it is NOT to be found, please take opportunities like these two bills to show we are more than just "better than worse", but rather makers of good change.