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LD 1047

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Dear Senator Grohoski, Representative Cloutier and Honorable Members of the
Taxation Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on the behalf of both LD 1089 and LD 1047. My name is Molly DellaRoman and I live in Brooklin, ME. I am writing today to express full support for both of these bills.

The funding of public education that LD 1089 would supply is even more critical than ever as the federal Department of Education's funding and the institution itself is currently under attack. Public education is a corner stone of building functional, healthy communities and the State of Maine needs to make changes to its current tax code to be able to provide for this service in perpetuity.

As someone that chaired Brooklin's Comprehensive Planning Committee from 2021-2023, I became very familiar with all the economic challenges that a small, rural town in Maine faces. Lack of affordable/workforce housing, rural hospitals and nursing homes shutting their doors, the rising cost of keeping schools open, and extreme storm/climate change damage recovery costs are just a few of the challenges that aging, small towns have to contend with. Regional challenges of supporting childcare services and the rising number of Maine citizens needing Maine Cares is a lot of financial burden for the rural, coastal area of Maine that I continue to serve as a Planning Board member. LD 1047 would help to bring balance and fairness to those working 2-3 jobs just to make ends meet. It is high time that the wealthy are taxed appropriately.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on both LD 1089 and LD 1047.

Thank you,
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