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

I am writing in wholehearted support of LD1089- An Act to Permanently Fund 55 Percent of the State's Share of Education by Establishing a Tax on Incomes of More than \$1,000,000 and LD1047- An Act to Impose a Tax on Certain Unearned Income. As a member of my school district's board of directors, I can tell you that school budgets are hurting and will be in even worse shape in future years if our current administration continues to defund public education. Cutting teachers, ed techs, and support staff, is not something schools should have to be considering during this time when academic performance and mental health (for students and staff) are already strained.

The fact that someone who earns \$62,000 is taxed the same way as someone who earns over \$1,000,000 (17x as much!) is incredibly unfair. If we can raise over \$100 million per year by balancing our tax code and taxing millionaires at a higher rate, we could take pressure off our already stretched school systems. School systems work incredibly hard at educating and supporting our future generations. It's time for people earning over a million dollars to pay their fair share to support working families and the students in their communities.

I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD1089 and LD1047.

Thank you,
~Kara Kaikini
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