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To my fellow Mainers, generously serving as elected officials in our amazing state:  
Thank you for taking the time to review my testimony.

My name is Chloe Dowley. I am a resident of Freeport. I am writing today in support of LD 1047 and LD 1089.

Over the last decade in particular, I have watched as the cost of living has become increasingly out of reach for many families who struggle to access their basic needs. Taxes are an important way to fund our essential public services, such as education, public works, and infrastructure.

These bills will support funding for the many needs we see here in our state. We are seeing schools across the state facing a funding crisis, which could be ameliorated with the extra funds provided by these bills. Our state is uniquely positioned to continue to attract those with wealth - a 4% tax will not convince many folks to move away - and we have all seen the booming housing market in recent years. Maine's natural beauty will continue to attract those who value this special way of life that is hard to find elsewhere.

Part of what makes our state special is the cross-section of folks who call this place home. These bills can help support working class families who depend on the infrastructure funded by taxes and do not have the extra income to cover these costs on their own.

Thank you for reviewing my testimony. I urge you to support both of these important tax fairness bills, LD 1089 & 1047.