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To: Sen. Mike Tipping and Rep. Amy Roeder, co-chairs  
Members, Committee on Labor

From: David R. Clough, State Director in Maine

Re: LD 706 – Amend the Laws Relating to Unemployment Insurance

This qualified Neither for Nor Against statement is on behalf of the thousands of small business owners in Maine who are members of the National Federation of Independent Business. Member businesses collectively span a wide range of economic activities; provide jobs and paychecks to about 30,000 people; and help form the economic backbone of hundreds of communities and the State.

LD 706 was submitted by the Department of Labor. As we understand the bill, the changes to unemployment law are straightforward and would largely conform the unemployment law to contemporary administrative practices.

NFIB does not take issue with LD 706 as presented – as understood at this point – but is reserving a support-or-oppose position until after learning more about various employer and claimant advocates perspectives as articulated in public hearing testimony.

Thank you for being mindful of Maine small business owners.