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Dear Maine Taxation Committee Members.

Firstly, let me Thank You in advance for reading testimony.

Recently, I was made aware of this new Maine State taxation law (LD2000):
STATE BEGAN TAXING ALL TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY,
INCLUDING GOLF CARTS, GOLF CLUB RENTALS AND RANGE BALLS,
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025 (LD 2000)

As you may know, golfing in Maine is popular, both for native Mainers like me, but also for our huge influx of tourists/guests!

Of course, Maine golfing competes with other New England states for these recreation dollars. It is tough competition!

And with a limited golf season, every round, every greens fee, every rental helps keep Maine Golf courses alive; 90% are public play.

In an era of golf course closures across the USA, it seems wise for us to support our Maine golf courses as much as possible.

With this extra financial burden, this new additional taxation, this support becomes all the more crucial to keep the thousands

of Maine golf course staff jobs, Maine golf courses active and flourishing, and we golfers enjoying our great, fresh Maine outdoors.

Please, I urge you, each and every one of you, to fully support LD 1211, to fully support MAINE GOLF.

Thank you.

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