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**Committee on Labor**

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Sen Dick Bradstreet  
Sen Joseph Rafferty

**Chair:** Rep Amy Roeder  
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**LD 1587:** An Act to Establish Greater Alignment of Penalties for Certain Labor Law Violations

Dear Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder and members of the Labor Committee,

My Name is Hannah Leavitt, I am a resident of Saco. I am currently attending Husson University in Bangor with a major in Nursing and I ask you to support LD 1587.

As a lifelong Mainer I hope to build my career here in the state after I complete college. This becomes much more difficult to find legitimate jobs and pay steep taxes when there are people and companies who simply opt out of paying taxes by misclassifying themselves as independent contractors when they are in fact misclassified employees.

When the appropriate taxes are not received by all employees and employers the burden falls on the general public and legitimate companies who are covering the delta in unpaid taxes. These companies then attempt to compete with these companies while carrying the additional tax burden left by the same unscrupulous companies who again are not carrying necessary tax burden for State, Federal, Unemployment, Workers Compensation, and Social Security taxes allowing them to reduce their bid by approximately 30% making it impossible to compete.

While this is a construction bill it doesn't directly affect the industry I hope to be in soon, it will affect paycheck and tax structure. As we all know these taxes are what funds for all construction of public buildings, schools, teachers, firefighters, police as well as state and city maintenance workers which we all have come to expect will be there when needed. Everyone takes advantage of these departments so everyone should pay their fair share.

I believe the language in this bill will create enough concern with the people who have skirted their tax burden by weighing the potential penalty of going to jail rather than pay a small fine they will start obeying the law and become legitimate companies or do business somewhere else. This allows legitimate companies to compete on a fair scale or expand into the industry left by cheating companies as they leave the area. Either way the state will collect the correct taxes, making it easier to fund the necessary department that needs funds and limit the burden on your constituents.

**Thank you for hearing my testimony, I ask you to vote yes on LD 1587.**

Sincerely,  
Hannah Leavitt



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Please accept my testimony in support of LD1587