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Since neither the administration, nor the legislature have indicated that they are willing to curb spending and reduce taxes, citizens must now take control of the situation. The taxpayer bill of rights does just that. If the legislature and the administration will not reduce the tax burden on mayors and reduce their ridiculous spending levels voters must. And, we citizens of the state of Maine must have the authority to act when our legislators and our administrators won't. Colorado has had a taxpayer Bill of Rights as an amendment to their constitution since the 1990s. Contrary to all the doom slayers and the projections that such an amendment would drive the state to bankruptcy, Colorado's economy, boomed. Businesses and citizens knew what to expect when it came to tax policy. This I believe was a driving force behind Colorado's rapid growth and economic expansion. Maine has suffered long enough under the yolk of poor tax policy, uncontrolled spending, and the resultant loss of economic activity. The taxpayer Bill of Rights Will provide me with a reasonable tax in spending policy will help to stabilize that policy and may help me develop the economy it needs to reduce it unemployment, to bring young people back to the state, and to live up to a slogan "the way life should be". Fiscal discipline should not and need not be a partisan issue. Maine has the fourth highest tax burden in the country. When calculated as a percentage of income maintenance at the top of the list. This is untenable. Much of main population is older, Retired, and living on fixed incomes. Our income taxes go up our property taxes, especially increase exponentially in our schools like SAD number 46, send taxpayer of funds to China. This must stop. I urge you to put partisan politics aside and do what is right for Maine and her citizens. Pass this taxpayer bill of rights amendment to the main constitution. Thank you.