



**Testimony of Ross Connolly**  
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**To the Joint Standing Committee on State & Local Government**

**RE: Americans for Prosperity Support of L.D. 1553 (H.P. 1011), RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require a Supermajority of the Legislature to Approve Raising Taxes**

Dear Chair Baldacci, Chair Salisbury, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on State & Local Government,

On behalf of Americans for Prosperity Maine, a grassroots advocacy organization that works to increase opportunities for all Mainers, I am submitting the following comments in support L.D. 1553 (H.P. 1011), RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require a Supermajority of the Legislature to Approve Raising Taxes.

**This resolution represents a proactive and fair approach to tax policy** in Maine. By requiring broad, bipartisan consensus before increasing taxes, L.D. 1553 introduces a thoughtful safeguard against sudden or excessive taxation. **Given that Maine already ranks among the states with the highest tax burdens,**<sup>1</sup> it should be more challenging, not easier, to impose additional financial pressure on families, workers, and businesses. This constitutional amendment would help secure long-term predictability for taxpayers and uphold economic freedom and accountability in our state's tax system.

L.D. 1553 would act as a **critical safeguard against hasty or excessive tax hikes**, especially during times of economic uncertainty. The need for such a safeguard is especially timely, as multiple proposals introduced during this legislative session would increase taxes and further strain the financial stability of Mainers. By embedding this supermajority requirement into the state constitution, L.D. 1553 offers **long-term stability and predictability for taxpayers**, while promoting a culture of fiscal responsibility and legislative accountability.

Americans for Prosperity commends Representative Henderson for her leadership in sponsoring this important resolution. We respectfully urge the Committee to support L.D. 1553 and bring it forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**With gratitude,**  
**Ross Connolly**  
**Northeast Regional State Director**  
**Americans for Prosperity**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.mdf.org/measures-of-growth/state-local-tax-burden/>