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LD 2212

Testimony Neither For Nor Against LD 2212, An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027

Senators Rotundo and Grohoski, Representatives Gattine and Sayre, and members of the Appropriations and Taxation Committees, my name is Susan Onion and I am a Maine resident with significant financial means. Today I am writing to you specifically in support of LD 1089, LD 1879, and LD 229. I believe deeply that those of us with greater resources have a responsibility to contribute our fair share to the state we call home.

As someone who grew up in rural Maine, I've seen how state funds and support help hold our communities together, especially during challenging times. I attended and taught in public Maine schools, graduated from a Maine State University, and benefited from local community resources. The taxes we pay aren't just numbers—they are an investment in schools, healthcare, public safety, and community programs that support working families and make Maine a place people can truly call home. These services are particularly vital in rural areas, where access to resources is limited, and state investment can mean the difference between a family feeling secure or being stretched to the breaking point.

I consider myself fortunate to have benefited from economic success and believe that giving back through our tax system is part of my responsibility. I do not view increased taxation as a burden. I view it as an investment in our communities. All Mainers deserve reliable access to quality education, affordable health care, and childcare. Families across our state deserve strong public schools and safe communities. These are not luxuries; they are fundamental to building a society that is both fair and prosperous.

By passing LD 1089, LD 1879, and LD 229, Maine can show that fairness, shared responsibility, and opportunity for all are the values we live by as a community. Thank you for your consideration and for your service to Maine.

Respectfully,
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