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Senator Rotundo, Representative Gattine, esteemed members of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, my name is Justin Alford, I am a resident of Portland, and I am submitting testimony in favor of LDs 229, 1089 and 1879.

I enthusiastically support all three bills because each raises revenue strategically from wealth holders and corporations for critical investments in our state to the benefit of all Maine people. The additional revenue would allow our state to continue making long-term investments in critical areas like childcare, healthcare and keeping Mainers in their homes. Additionally, this revenue will compensate for some of the losses we've experienced in federal funding. These results can be achieved by levying a small tax on a very narrow group of wealthy Mainers and corporations.

I am fortunate to be among the very few who would be affected by this tax, and I would gladly pay more to help my fellow Mainers. Take it from someone who knows first hand – anyone that could be affected by these taxes can afford to pay a little more, and the return on investment will benefit all of Maine for generations to come.

Thank you to all members of the committee for your service.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Justin Alford". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Best,".

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