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Testimony in Support of LD 2212, LD, 2212, LD 1089, LD 1879, LD 229

Senators Rotundo and Grohoski, Representatives Gattine and Sayre, and members of the Appropriations and Taxation Committees, my name is Yemaya St. Clair and I live in Falmouth with my husband and two kids.

I benefit from living with wealth and I support equitable tax reform that creates a fairer system and ensures that those with the greatest wealth contribute proportionally to the communities that make wealth possible.

At its core, tax policy reflects our values. It answers a simple question: who carries the costs of maintaining the roads, schools, public safety systems, health infrastructure and civic institutions we all rely on? While we all carry the costs, I believe that a fair tax structure should not disproportionately burden working families while allowing extreme concentrations of wealth to grow -- with comparatively lower effective tax rates. Most Mainers agree: wealthy people should pay their fair share. Unfortunately, our existing tax policies do not reflect these common values, and this needs to change.

I am submitting testimony in support of LD 1089, LD 1879, LD 2212 and LD 229, a suite of bills presenting opportunities to create a more equitable tax system.

I feel grateful to live in Maine and raise my family in a community of hardworking people who share my values. With the suite of bills in front of you, Maine has the choice to protect working families rather than continue allowing tax breaks to corporations and wealthy people. I urge you to support LD 1089, LD 1879, LD 2212 and LD 229.

Thank you for your consideration.

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