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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

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Senators Rotundo and Grohoski, Representatives Gattine and Sayre, and members of the Appropriations and Taxation Committees, my name is Alison Mann and I live in Portland. I'd like to urge you to support the LDs 1089, 1879, and 229. I am a wealthy person who may pay more in taxes as a result of these changes. But being wealthy is just one part of who I am. I am also a parent of kids in public school, a neighbor of families facing eviction after a month of losing wages due to the ICE surge, and a friend of older Mainers who rely on Area Agencies on Aging and direct care. I have a lot of money, but I cannot pay teachers, maintain schools, subsidize care workers, or provide health care. We need taxes for these public goods, and as a member of the public, I know my wellbeing is tied to that of my community. Wealthy Mainers like myself and corporations are abundantly capable of paying more taxes to keep our institutions and people stable and healthy. We will not leave Maine if our taxes go up; rather we'll feel like our state government reflects our values. Thank you.