

Dear Taxation members:

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I'm reaching out to ask that this legislative session you please do the right thing by Mainers and fight for tax fairness. As MAGA Republicans cut essential programs to pay for tax cuts for wealthy people and corporations, they're creating holes in Maine's budget.

I'm urging you to please raise revenue by making sure that the wealthiest Mainers pay what they truly owe in taxes. This can fund our rural hospitals, help people cover the skyrocketing costs of health insurance, address our housing and affordability crisis, and more.

We all deserve health care, childcare, a decent place to live, and food on the table. Please fight to make this a priority! The following three Bills need your support, and I am here to ask you to vote for them:

- Rep. Bill Pluecker's LD 1879 will increase the tax on corporations making more than \$3.5 million.
- Rep. Anne Matlack's LD 229 will adjust the tax brackets so that the majority of Mainers who earn less than \$300,000 will see their income tax go down and create new tax brackets for higher earners.
- Rep. Cheryl Golek's LD 1089 will place a 2% surcharge on incomes over \$1 million and fully fund the state's portion of K-12 education — thus reducing the current strain on the general fund.

I agree that Mainers earning 65k a year should not have the same tax rate as millionaires and the last two bills mentioned here will address that inequity.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today!

Jim Lysen