

Gov. Baldacci is not the leader Maine needs.

The Maine House and Senate Republicans over the past year have introduced bills that are pro-business and pro-taxpayer.

On the contrary, this governor has raised taxes and fees by over \$700 million and is right on his way to creating single-payer health care.

We simply can't sit back and watch on the sidelines as this governor brings this state down.

We must pass meaningful tax reform, make health care affordable and fess up to our own problems as a state.

Gov. Baldacci used his State of the State address to make things look pretty, and they are not as pretty as he makes them out to be.

When my family opened our property tax bill, it was over \$1,000 more than it was last year.

LD 1 was supposed to change that, and it did not.

It is too risky to rely on the federal government to get us through our own problems.

It's not leadership to bash the federal government when, in fact, Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe have fought tirelessly to give this state federal grants for roads, bridges and education - only the money didn't end up there.

I am only left to question where that money ended up under the failed leadership of Gov. Baldacci.

Mainers will not buy this act that he is putting forward come this November - at least not this Mainer.

I hope you will join me in voting Republican in 2006 for the good of all Mainers.

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