

### **Positive Maine changes**

The state of Maine wants change - the state of Maine needs change. More so than any other year, however, this one will be pivotal. This fall, we will have the opportunity not only to elect a new administration, but also to elect an administration that can and will reform our taxes.

This tax reform is critical to revitalizing our economy. Here are three legislative changes I propose, changes that I know would put Maine's economy back on track. The first is the simple and complete repeal of the Business Equipment Tax, the heaviest tax in the entire state. Cutting this tax would immediately alleviate this expensive burden on businesses, while simultaneously re-energizing the commercial spirit.

The second is the passage of a Taxpayer Bill of Rights. Other states have passed this measure, and if you do some research, you will find that states such as Colorado, under the leadership of Gov. Bill Owens, have seen unprecedented successes due to the passage of TABOR in their state.

With Maine people finally having a say in how they are taxed, the government will be held more accountable for its spending. Lastly, I suggest a repeal of the corporate income tax.

This action would again relieve businesses of one more expense that hinders their profits. There are many ways to reform this tax system, but I think that implementation of these measures will be a good start. As has been the case for a long time, we need to fix our taxes and fix our state. That is why we need some new, strong leadership in Augusta, to get things done.

The time is now. There is no time to waste. Please help support Maine by supporting the implementation of these measures.

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