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- Encourage legislators to remove the very economically-damaging 3% income tax surcharge imposed by referendum Question 2 last fall.
- Request that legislators support an increase to education funding through the budget process.
- Under current law, Maine now has the second highest income tax rate in the country at 10.15%.
- Numerous business owners have expressed their intent to move their operations elsewhere to escape this unreasonable tax.
- Repeal of the 3% tax will ensure Maine businesses stay here and continue to create jobs here.
- It's imperative that we save Maine's economy and don't make our state any more of an outlier than it already is.
- Education funding is crucial to economic development, but we must also have a competitive business climate to provide jobs for our graduates.
- The business community supports a strong K-12 education system that is invested in closing educational gaps, directing funds to proven practices that benefit the state's most at-risk students, and ensuring a career and college ready workforce for our future.

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