



Statement from the Keep Maine Competitive Coalition...

A statewide, non-partisan coalition of Maine businesses called “Keep Maine Competitive,” wants to applaud and thank the Legislature and the Executive branch for their incredible hard work, stamina and willingness to serve the people of Maine. A special thanks to those working on putting together a two-year budget.

In February, the Keep Maine Competitive Coalition established two goals: to eliminate the 3% tax and to adequately fund public education. Today, we add a third – avoiding a state shutdown.

The Legislature has gotten exceptionally close to a solution, without raising taxes that would hinder Maine’s competitiveness. While we know you are going to be criticized and questioned, we urge you to keep working and continue to focus on the task at hand. We are confident that you, the Legislature, can accomplish this amicably. Again, we do acknowledge and appreciate the challenges you’re faced with. We wish to thank you for your efforts.

* Keep Maine Competitive is comprised of thousands of Maine businesses that employ tens of thousands of employees, customers and suppliers.