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## **MORE THAN 250 BUSINESSES PARTICIPATE IN MAINE STATE CHAMBER'S EIGHTH ANNUAL BUSINESS DAY AT THE STATEHOUSE**

***This year's event another huge success with businesses of all sizes from across the state represented***

AUGUSTA, MAINE -- On Thursday, March 10, 2016, employers from across Maine gathered at the Statehouse in Augusta for the Maine State Chamber of Commerce's eighth annual Business Day at the Statehouse. The event was a huge success again this year, with more than 250 businesses of all sizes from across Maine represented. The annual event provides a prime opportunity for Maine business leaders to discuss their priorities with lawmakers and state government officials, with the ultimate goal of better working together to strengthen the state's economy and keep Maine competitive.

Participating businesses had the unique opportunity to connect face-to-face with legislators. Employers emphasized the importance of preserving and retaining existing jobs, strengthening Maine's economy through the creation of new opportunities, and keeping Maine businesses competitive in today's economy. Businesses also had the chance to showcase what they do to legislators and state government officials.

"The State Chamber's eighth annual Business Day at the Statehouse was a huge success again this year with big turnout out from Maine's business community," said Dana Connors, president of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce. "Each year, businesses of all sizes and from all parts of Maine take advantage of this opportunity for their voices to be heard in Augusta. We all share the common goal of improving Maine's business climate so our economy and our state's businesses can grow and thrive. Business Day at the Statehouse provides an excellent opportunity for Maine businesses to share ideas with legislators and state government officials, and we look forward to this event each year."

Governor Paul LePage's Senior Policy Advisor John Butera spoke at the event, along with members of Maine's legislative leadership, sharing their perspectives on recent legislative activities to advance the Maine economy and foster job growth. Each commended the Maine State Chamber for its participation in the legislative process and urged employers to educate legislators on the ways legislation may affect their businesses.

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### **About the Maine State Chamber of Commerce...**

As the state's most influential business advocate, the Maine State Chamber of Commerce works to ensure a business climate in which Maine State Chamber members, large and small, can compete successfully in the local, regional, national, and world marketplaces. As The Voice of Maine Business, the Maine State Chamber of Commerce proudly represents a network of 5,000 businesses of all sectors, sizes, and regions. It advocates on their behalf daily before the Legislature, state departments, and various levels of state government.