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THE MAINE HERITAGE POLICY CENTER

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Dear **REDACTED**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, please accept my sincere thanks for your generous contribution of \$125.00 to The Maine Heritage Policy Center. We are very grateful for this donation, and will use it to advance our mission of promoting The Taxpayer Bill Of Rights, a solution that will benefit all people of Maine.

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As the author of The Taxpayer Bill Of Rights, we believe that this initiative provides a road map to jump-start Maine's economy. With only a few weeks until the election, we are in a fight for Maine's economic life. As you are aware, Maine has the highest property taxes and the highest state and local tax burden in the country. Our economy continues to struggle. In 2005, Maine was just one of two states to see a decline in economic activity, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Louisiana, which was ravaged by hurricane Katrina, was the only other state to see a decline. It is more important than ever to educate Maine citizens about the challenges we currently face.

We understand that the economic pie is shrinking. A large part of the problem has been Maine's highest-in-the-nation tax burden, driven by out-of-control government spending. One way to address that problem is through an effective "Tax-and-Expenditure Limit" such as Maine's proposed The Taxpayer Bill Of Rights. Such responsible public policy encourages Maine businesses to remain in the state and grow, thus creating more Maine jobs and higher incomes for Maine workers. With Maine's per capita tax burden growing 50% faster than the rate of inflation, we must act now and work to stop Maine's spending frenzy. Since January 2003, government jobs are growing at more than twice the rate of private sector jobs. This is not an investment in Maine's future. We are digging out the facts everyday and working hard to promote this race based on facts and evidence, not emotions.

The Taxpayer Bill Of Rights is the only public policy in front of Maine voters or our legislators that is guaranteed to reduce Maine's tax burden and ensure that government does not grow faster than the people's ability to pay. It is a reasonable solution for Maine citizens and I thank you for being part of the solution in helping to solve Maine's economic challenges and for investing in Maine's future.

Thank you for joining this effort to help our leaders understand the need for genuine reforms in the way Maine operates – and for providing them with viable and proven policy solutions that will change Maine's future to one of opportunity and promise.

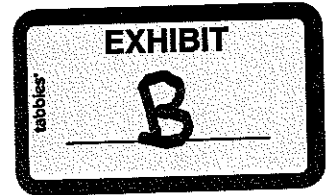
Please do not hesitate to contact me at 207-321-2550 with any questions or suggestions. Thank you again for your support – I look forward to seeing you at a Maine Heritage event very soon.

Yours truly,



Bill Becker
President and Chief Executive Officer





November 29, 2006

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Dear Name,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, please accept my sincere thanks for your very generous contribution of \$0.00 to The Maine Heritage Policy Center. We are extremely grateful for this donation, and will use it to advance our mission of promoting free market and conservative public policy solutions that will benefit all people of Maine.

Maine remains in a precarious position today. The state continues to run significant budget shortfalls resulting in well-publicized debates on what program or service must be cut. Our state and local tax burden is the highest in the nation. Our highest marginal income tax rate remains one of the highest in the nation with one of the lowest thresholds. Our Medicaid program is one of the largest, fastest growing, and most costly Medicaid programs in the nation. Our business-friendliness is ranked near the bottom of all states, and our economic freedom index is similarly poor. All this is additionally burdened by the Governor's questionable and unsustainable Dirigo Health initiative.

Yet, there is another way for Maine. Our vision at The Maine Heritage Policy Center is that Maine becomes a state that embraces the free markets by implementing public policies that help, rather than hinder, job creation and retention. Lowering the overwhelming state tax burden, putting a spending cap on all levels of government spending, promoting competition in the health insurance market, and putting the patient, rather than the government, back in charge of their health care choices – these are each examples of the policies that The Maine Heritage Policy Center researches, analyzes, and promotes.

Our long-term goal is to dramatically alter Maine's future through a paradigm shift that will move the State away from its 30-year drift toward a culture of dependence. Our efforts are to redirect Maine's public policies to create a culture of entrepreneurship and economic growth. Immediately lowering Maine's overall tax burden and excessive health insurance premiums are both immediate goals of the Center. Until we are seen as an equal to other states, Maine will never be able to attract real and sustained business development and economic growth.

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Yours truly,

Bill Becker
President and Chief Executive Officer