



## LEGISLATIVE ALERT

### Reject the 'Dirigo Health' tax hike package!

As early as this afternoon, you will be asked to approve a package of tax increases to fund Dirigo Health, including, but not limited to:

- Increased taxes on wine, beer, and sugary drinks such as soda
- 1.8 percent tax on all paid claims by insurance companies or self-insured businesses

Big spenders will try to convince you that by steering away from a tobacco tax, this new plan is a 'good compromise' - but do not be fooled.

**ANY tax increase removes money from the private economy and productive use- threatening to harm Maine's state economy at an already precarious time.**

Proponents of this package will also tell you that taxpayers who consume soda, wine or beer "have it coming."

This argument is wrong on 2 levels: 1) the role of government is not to herd taxpayers like cattle and tell them how and what to consume and 2) taxing a product in an effort to slow consumption while also depending on increased revenue is counterintuitive. You would be setting taxpayers up to bear the burden of another tax hike in the future.

Many state legislators have made a commitment to taxpayers in Maine to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to raise taxes. At this moment, standing up for taxpayers and maintaining this commitment is absolutely imperative.

**Stand up for taxpayers in Maine. Reject any and all tax increases put on the table!**

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