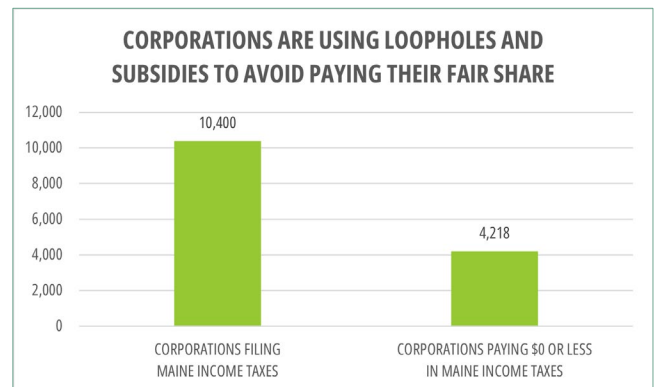
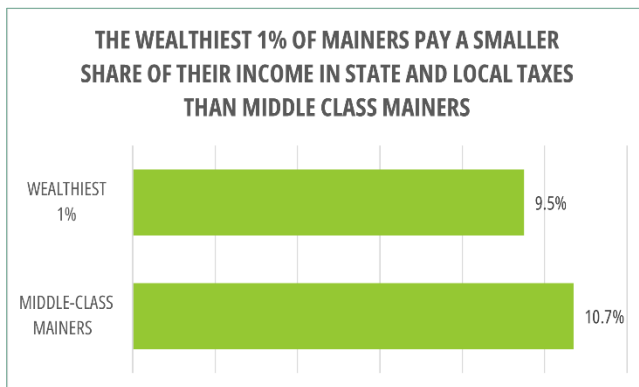


# MAINERS for TAX FAIRNESS

## 2025 Tax Fairness Priorities

Mainers know that the challenges facing our communities need a response big enough to meet the moment. Whether it's a housing crisis, direct care workforce shortages, or crumbling roads and bridges, the best way to make a difference is to confront them as a state. But for decades wealthy individuals and corporations have stacked the deck to avoid paying taxes, forcing the rest of us to pick up the slack while leaving important cornerstones of our society, like schools and public safety, underfunded.



Time and time again, people fighting for solutions to these problems are told there is no money while new loopholes are created for already-prosperous corporations. This harms both working families and small businesses who cannot compete with their own army of lawyers and accountants.

We can and must change our tax system to bring more fairness to how we raise money and adequately fund the investments that will determine our future prosperity. Here is how we can do it:

POLICY OPTION	DETAILS	EST. ANNUAL REVENUE
Millionaire Surcharge	Creates a 4% surcharge on income over \$1 million	\$108 million
Graduated Real Estate Transfer Tax	Adds additional \$2 per \$500 in sale price over \$1 million	\$16 million
Surcharge on Capital Gains and Dividend Income	Creates a 2% surcharge on investment income over \$250k for an individual or \$500k for a family	\$60 million
Corporate Income Tax Increase	Changes the tax rate on profits over \$3.5 million from 8.93% to 10%	\$35 million
Repeal Dirigo Subsidy	Repeals the new ineffective subsidies for businesses	\$50+ million
Mansion Tax	Allows for increases only on homes 200% of median price	TBD
Increase Dependent Exemption Credit	Increases benefits for younger children and targets the credit to families who need it most	\$0

Legislators from across the state have submitted these and many other proposals that aim to fund unmet needs by asking the wealthy and powerful to pay their fair share. For a deeper dive into revenue options and tax fairness, check out MECEP's [2025 Tax Policy Solutions Brief](#) and [Tax Fairness Explainer](#).

*Mainers for Tax Fairness* is a coalition dedicated to cleaning up Maine's tax code to fund investments that build thriving communities. The coalition represents teachers, health care providers, policy experts, workers, small business owners, advocates for children and families with low incomes, and other groups fighting to improve tax fairness and build a stronger, more inclusive economy for all Mainers. Learn more at [MainersForTaxFairness.org](https://MainersForTaxFairness.org).