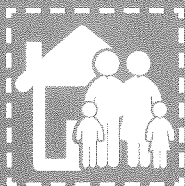
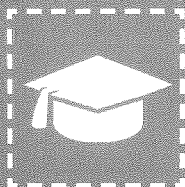


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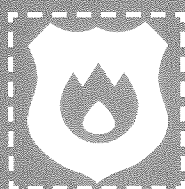
for young families and seniors

The LePage budget cuts taxes for large corporations and the wealthy by eliminating property tax relief for young families and seniors. The Better Deal for Maine lowers property taxes for all Maine homeowners by \$120 million per year.



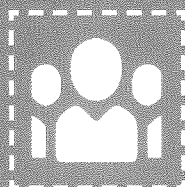
for students and workers

Governor LePage's budget abandons investment in our schools, students and workers. Our Better Deal for Maine invests in public education from pre-kindergarten through high school, college and job training programs, ensuring economic success for our students and workers, and setting the state on the path for a stronger economic future.



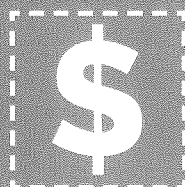
for Maine communities

Governor LePage's budget eliminates funding for revenue sharing that supports fire, police, and public works in Maine communities. The Better Deal for Maine keeps the state's promise and increases funding for revenue sharing for local services like police, fire, and public works.



for Maine's middle class

Governor LePage's plan gives the largest tax cuts to Maine's wealthiest residents. The Better Deal for Maine targets income tax cuts to middle- and low-income Mainers. The Governor's plan gives 50 percent of income tax cuts to the top 10 percent. Under the Better Deal for Maine, 98 percent of income tax relief goes to the bottom 95 percent.



is fully paid for

Governor LePage's budget sets Maine up for a fiscal crisis and will leave a \$300 million hole in the budget that will lead to deep cuts in education. Our Better Deal for Maine is fully paid for and is fiscally responsible.

	LePage Plan	A Better Deal for Maine
Income tax relief	50% of income tax relief goes to the top 10%	98% of income tax relief goes to the bottom 95%
Sales tax rate	Increases sales tax rate to 6.5%	Keeps sales tax rate the same at 5.5%
Meals Lodging	6.5% 8%	Keep current rates at 8% Adopts LePage Plan at 8%
Sales tax base	Broadens number of items subject to sales tax	Adopts the LePage Plan
Sales tax fairness credit	Creates a refundable tax credit from \$250-\$500 to offset the sales tax increases	Adopts the LePage Plan
Homestead Exemption	Doubles for elderly. Eliminates for under 65	Doubles exemption for everyone, not just elderly
Property Tax Fairness Credit	Expands credit that offsets high property taxes	Adopts the LePage Plan
Revenue Sharing	Provides \$62 million in revenue in FY16; eliminates it in FY17	Increases funding for revenue sharing to \$80 million in FY16 and FY17
Estate Tax	Increases exclusion amount in 2016 and eliminates estate tax in 2017	No change to current law
Non Profit Tax	Requires municipalities to tax non-profits on property greater than \$500,000	Rejects taxes on non-profits
Corporate Income tax	Reduces rates	No changes to current rates. Closes loophole on offshore tax havens
Pensions	Exempts military pensions from income tax and increases exemptions for non-military pensions	Exempts military pensions from income tax and maintains current law on other pension exemptions
Telecommunications tax	Transfers tax collection to the towns	No changes to current law
Tobacco	No changes to current law	Equalizes tobacco taxes for all tobacco products