



Four Good Reasons to Vote NO on the Auto Excise Tax Giveaway

This proposal will take away local resources for roads and bridges

- The auto excise tax proposal would take \$85 million directly from Maine towns that use that money for snow plowing and road/bridge repair and maintenance.
- Snow plowing and road maintenance cost our towns \$235 million. How will they make up that shortfall in a recession when towns are already facing serious budget cuts?

This proposal will lead to property tax hikes – or dangerous roads

- The auto excise tax proposal is a huge tax break for people who can afford expensive new cars, but does nothing for the majority of Mainers who drive cars that are more than five years old.
- For average Mainers who can't afford expensive new cars, all they'll get are more potholes and unsafe bridges – or property tax hikes to pay for the upkeep the excise taxes now cover.

It's fundamentally unfair – a giveaway to new car owners at our expense

- All vehicles cause wear and tear on our roads and bridges – we should all pay our fair share.
- New car owners would pay half of what they would pay now, even if they buy luxury cars like Mercedes or Lexus. And just because it's called a hybrid, a \$85-k Cadillac Escalade buyer would get off scot-free and pay no taxes at all.
- Meanwhile, those of us who drive cars over five-years old would get absolutely nothing. Except higher property taxes.

Don't be fooled – this is not a “green” initiative

- Major Maine environmental groups caution not to be fooled that this is a true “green” initiative – a Cadillac Escalade “Hybrid” that gets only 20 mpg would qualify to pay NO taxes. That is bad for the environment and a windfall for those who can afford luxury cars.