

# MAINE JOBS COUNCIL



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Members of the Committee On Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business,

Good morning and Happy New Year. I am Ben Lucas, the recently appointed Executive Director of the Maine Jobs Council (MJC). The Maine Jobs Council is a membership organization that will advocate for the growth and maintenance of foundational jobs in Maine.

Foundational jobs are those that add value or bring revenue into Maine and are the foundation of a prosperous, sustainable economy. They are jobs that are essential to expanding the tax base and supporting the service and public sectors.

MJC's members are Maine based and Maine owned organizations that operate in the foundational sectors like manufacturing, construction, transportation, energy, tourism, hospitality, farming, fishing, and forestry among others. As such, MJC will be a direct two-way conduit to the state's foundational businesses.

MJC will provide input on the impact on foundational jobs of various proposals and legislation and will welcome requests from legislators or staff seeking information from our members. I look forward to working with you to make Maine more prosperous and expand the tax base by the growth and maintenance of foundational jobs.

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Sincerely,

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