

## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**Joint Select Committee on Regulatory Fairness and Reform to meet in Machias on January 31st**

The Maine Legislature's Joint Select Committee on Regulatory Fairness and Reform will hold a public hearing from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. on Monday, January 31, 2011 in the Performing Arts Center at the University of Maine in Machias. The Committee invites all interested persons to attend the hearing and provide the Committee with suggestions on ways in which to improve the business climate in the State, encourage job creation and retention and expand opportunities for Maine people.

The duties of the Committee are to make recommendations to the Legislature on improving the business climate in the State and facilitating private-sector job creation by reforming the regulatory structure to ensure that the regulatory process is more efficient and less costly to the regulated community. The Committee will be examining ways in which to eliminate duplicate or unnecessary regulations, streamlining and reducing the time required to obtain necessary business permits and ensuring that a balance, transparent and more predictable decision-making process exists within the regulatory agencies.