9 June 2017

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1027, "An Act Regarding the Taxation of Certain Nonprofit Organizations."

The Legislature is now considering a comprehensive budget proposal that addresses the sales tax. With budget negotiations currently underway, I do not believe it would be appropriate for the state to enact a new, targeted sales tax exemption, however well intentioned.

I hope and expect that when the next biennial budget arrives on my desk, the Legislature will have acted comprehensively to address the future of the sales tax and reduce the oppressive burden that Maine’s income tax places on families and businesses in Maine.

For this reason, I return LD 1027 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Paul R. LePage
Governor