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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of Edgecomb as your State Representative in Maine's 124th Legislature. I will continue to work diligently on your behalf.

The Second Regular Session deals with emergency and carry-over bills. Carry-over bills are pieces of legislation that originated in the First Regular Session but need more investigation, debate or study. I encourage you to visit the Legislature's website at [www.state.me.us/legis/](http://www.state.me.us/legis/) for up-to-date information on all of the bills before the Legislature. From here you can search for bill submissions, amendments, public laws and voting records of all legislators.

Perhaps the most difficult task that we are dealing with is the \$438 million budget shortfall. While I am glad that the Governor has pledged not to raise taxes in order to balance this budget, I am concerned that the need to control state spending will be ignored in favor of short-term solutions and tax shifts.

Other issues we will be dealing with include new business mandates, labor laws, health insurance mandates, health insurance alternatives, changes to the tax code and literally hundreds of other possible new laws that affect many aspects of life in Maine.

In my committee, Marine Resources, we have been discussing and debating the saltwater fishing license, seaweed laws, scallop closures, lobster rules and more.

My job is to represent you in Augusta. Please contact me with your opinions, questions or suggestions at any time. Additionally, you may listen in on the House Session via live audio by going to [http://www.maine.gov/legis/house/h\\_video\\_int.htm](http://www.maine.gov/legis/house/h_video_int.htm).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon McKane".

Jonathan B. McKane  
State Representative

**District 51 Bristol, Damariscotta, Edgecomb, Newcastle, South Bristol and Monhegan Plantation**