ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TOWN OF EDGECOMB
A Message from Senator David Trahan

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is a great honor to represent the people of Edgecomb in the State Senate.

These are tough times for the Legislature and for all Maine people. We faced many challenges in the First Regular Session of the 124th, and those challenges continue into the second session of the Legislature. State revenues have continued to fall far below projected amounts, resulting in yet another massive budget shortfall of $483 million.

With very little federal stimulus dollars to prop up the budget this time, Augusta must solve the problem on its own. I know that you and your family are no stranger to the tough choices we must make in Augusta. There was no stimulus package for you, and every day you make the same tough choices; prioritizing your wants and needs, cutting your household budget and finding savings here and there.

As so often the case, with every negative, there is a positive. Forced though it has been, this historic economic downturn has brought renewal to many of our communities and families. We have returned to shopping locally and have spent more time with family, friends and neighbors.

This downturn also gives Augusta an opportunity; the opportunity to engage in the same responsible budgeting and decision-making in which you have been engaged. As difficult as these times are, they provide the force the tough decisions that will "right-size" state government.

My Republican colleagues and I are committed to you and your family. As we face the budget and other difficult choices in the Legislature this session, we will do so always guided by our principles of bringing you a state government that is caring, responsible, efficient, affordable, transparent, and effective.

We will continue to seek long-term sustainable change that will position Maine to emerge from this downturn, stronger than when it began.

It truly is my pleasure and honor to serve as your voice in the Maine Senate. If you are having an issue with a state agency please feel free to contact me. I would be happy to help in any way that I can. You can reach me in Augusta at 287-1505 or at home at 832-4135.

Wishing you and yours a brighter 2010.

Sincerely,

David Trahan
State Senator