

**THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TAX RELIEF RECONCILIATION ACT OF
2001 & THE JOBS AND GROWTH TAX RELIEF RECONCILIATION ACT OF
2003**

WILL PROVIDE BENEFITS TO MORE THAN 490,000 MAINE TAXPAYERS

REDUCING TAXES

- **490,000** taxpayers in Maine will have lower income tax bills in 2004 under EGTRRA and JGTRRA.
- **130,000** business taxpayers in Maine can use their tax savings from the two Acts to invest in new equipment, hire additional workers, and increase pay.

NEW 10-PERCENT BRACKET

- **445,000** taxpayers in Maine will benefit from the new 10-percent bracket enacted in EGTRRA and the JGTRRA acceleration to 2003 of the expansions of the bracket scheduled for 2008.

REDUCTION IN INCOME TAX RATES

- **More than 85,000** taxpayers in Maine will benefit from the EGTRRA reduction in income tax rates above 15-percent and the JGTRRA acceleration to 2003 of the reductions scheduled for 2004 and 2006.

REDUCTION OF MARRIAGE PENALTY

- **More than 160,000** married couples in Maine will benefit from the JGTRRA acceleration to 2003 of the EGTRRA provisions that increase the standard deduction for joint filers to double the amount for single filers and increase the width of the 15-percent bracket to twice the width for single filers. These two provisions were scheduled to phase in between 2005 and 2009.

INCREASE IN CHILD TAX CREDIT

- **More than 120,000** married couples and single parents in Maine benefit from the increase in the child tax credit under EGTRRA and the JGTRRA acceleration to 2003 of the increase from \$600 to \$1,000 that was scheduled to phase in between 2005 and 2010.

REDUCED TAX RATES ON CAPITAL GAINS AND CORPORATE DIVIDENDS

- **Nearly 100,000** taxpayers in Maine will benefit from the reduced tax rates on capital gains and corporate dividends under JGTRRA.

SOURCE: Counts are for the number of returns filed in 2003 that would have benefited from the package. These estimates are based on tabulations from all individual income tax returns processed by the Internal Revenue Service in 2003. Most of these returns covered tax year 2002.