



Another tax increase

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Every day the average American is subject to taxes and fees nearly everywhere we look. One of the fees I was dismayed to learn the federal government [might soon allow to increase](#) is the [Passenger Facility Charge](#). The PFC is only one of several taxes and fees that people must pay when they fly. All of those dollars and cents add up quickly, and if you're trying to take an entire family on vacation or send a group of employees to visit a branch office, the costs add up very quickly.

This last year I paid these taxes multiple times personally when my wife and I traveled to visit our son and daughter-in-law serving in the U.S. Navy on the West Coast, as well as when we visited my wife's family in the United Kingdom. If a family of four wanted to take a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Disney that included numerous connections, there could be as much as \$100 in PFC fees alone added on their tickets if the [proposed increase](#) goes through.

I'm tired of the government picking our pockets, and fighting intrusive taxes is one of the reasons I continue to serve in Augusta. The PFC may be an issue the federal government is currently dealing with, but I'm still happy to speak out and speak up for average Mainers. My hope is that Congress listens to the average American who is forced to pay all these taxes, not the big corporate lobbyists, and does not increase the PFC.

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