

'Yes' for Clean Elections

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There are several bills currently before the Legislature that advocate for either a partial repeal or a full repeal of our clean elections law. This is disappointing because the Maine Clean Election Act has worked to get the big money out of Maine elections for more than 10 years.

Maine voters passed the Clean Elections law, establishing reasonable contribution limits and creating a Clean Election system that allows qualified candidates to run for office without going to private interests for money.

Thanks to our law, Maine voters are in the driver's seat of our democracy, and our legislators are accountable to us, not to big donors.

I want to keep it that way, so this year I'm checking "yes" for Clean Elections on my Maine income tax form.

Checking "yes" does not add to my tax bill or reduce my refund, but it does send \$3 into the Maine Clean Election Fund. That fund, built with the tiny contributions of thousands of Maine people, is our bulwark against the undue influence of special interest campaign contributions.

Join me and check "yes" for Clean Elections!

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