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Tomlin and Christopher,

"The most important political office is that of the private citizen." – Justice Louis D. Brandeis

Every day, as MCCE Field Organizers, we interact with the most important political players –**citizens like you**. You tell us how critical it is that **the voices of everyday people are heard** in our democracy over those of wealthy campaign donors and lobbyists.

You share our belief that **stronger citizen participation** in our democracy levels the playing field between wealthy special interests and ordinary citizens; you say how vital it is that citizens are **active participants in protecting our democracy**, and in engaging others, as well.

"Thank you for highlighting these issues and for facilitating the meeting with Representative Seavey. It was a pleasure to participate in the democratic process." - Nick (R), Kennebunkport

The most effective way to **protect our democracy** from the influence of wealthy interests is by advancing policies like Clean Elections, Ranked Choice Voting, and Automatic Voter Registration. Policies that **increase fairness, inclusion, and opportunity** in our politics and **promote robust participation** by Maine people in their government.

Our broadened mission will **strengthen the collective impact of our work** through these coordinated efforts with individuals of **all political backgrounds** and groups like The League of Women Voters of Maine, FairVote, and The Committee for Ranked Choice Voting.

Your \$25, \$35, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 or \$1,000 donation today mobilizes Mainers like Nick to take action on the one issue that affects us all — **a strong, vibrant democracy**.

Ranked Choice Voting and Automatic Voter Registration place more **power squarely in the hands of voters** and allow for **a more representative democracy** by giving **more voice and more choice to Maine people**.

In just four months, we have **met with more than 180 Maine people like you, while connecting with over 700** hundred more by phone and email to talk about election reform, getting money out of politics, and our democracy-strengthening work.

*"Thank you for setting up the meeting! Rep. Casás seemed to enjoy himself, and we all learned an enormous amount about him and his positions. He gets **our commitment to Maine Clean Elections, and we understand his.**" – Mary (D), Rockport*

We've connected everyday Mainers like Mary and Nick with the means to **organize their communities and influence their legislators to ensure all their voices are heard** in Augusta, where the public hearings, work sessions and closed-door caucuses – are held. Since the most important work happens not in Augusta, but right in legislators' back yards, we have facilitated in-district meetings between constituents and their elected representatives.

Thanks to supporters like you, we've already defeated bad bills that would roll back hard won reforms this session. But **Maine people deserve more than just defense; they deserve campaign finance laws that ensure a truly representative democracy.**

Right now we're advancing bills that would ban contributions from lobbyists, limit the role and influence of political action committees ("PACs") and shine a light on dark money in our elections. If these bills pass, it will be **active everyday citizens that made the difference!**

Your \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 or \$1,000 donation today **supports this vital democracy work.** From facilitating in-district meetings between citizens and lawmakers, to lobbying legislators during our Lobby Days, hosting a Volunteer Convention with skill-building workshops, recruiting folks to write Letters-to-the-Editor and OpEds, and testifying in Augusta to fight bad bills, **we mobilize Maine citizens.**

Engagement of private citizens like Nick and Mary is the first step in **making tangible progress on the issues important to you.** From quality education to affordable healthcare or access to clean water and reducing crony capitalism, progress begins with **reducing the importance of big money and increasing the effectiveness of everyday Mainers engaged in grassroots organizing.**

It starts with you. Your gift of \$25, \$35, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 or \$1,000 will build **more informed and deliberate citizen participation efforts** and keep **Maine citizens at the heart of political power.**

Like Justice Brandeis, we believe in **the power of everyday citizens.** That's why we're Maine **Citizens** for Clean Elections. We continue to be inspired and awed by the commitment of Maine people to sustain Maine's first-in-the-nation Clean Election system and strengthen our democracy.

When it comes to democracy, **Maine leads, and friends like you make all this work possible.** We thank you for your support!

Onward,



Dash Marley
Field Organizer



Sarah Rawlings
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P.S. Fighting bills, meeting one-on-one, testifying in the legislature, facilitating workshops, presenting to groups – everything we do is important – **and thanks to your donation by June 30th, we will have the resources to build on the successes of the last year!**