

Commentary

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Letters

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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Egregious abuse

To the Editor:

What has not been stated about the current mail delivery lunacy for Swans Island and Frenchboro is that these communities of hard working islanders are all taxpayers for the most part.

As taxpayers, they are entitled to the same post office delivery services as mainlanders! The current United States Postal Service leaders in the Southwest Harbor postal arena have posed a very real threat to the mail services that until now worked well for these taxpayers.

Therefore, these taxpayers are being ill-served by the mindless bureaucrats in charge of the Southwest Harbor postal operations.

One can only hope that our elected politicians will step up and correct this egregious abuse of the taxpayers. Thank you.

Thomas Wilkinson,
Swans Island
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Will of the people

To the Editor:

After the hard work of many volunteers from all over Maine collecting signatures and working for the campaign, the Clean Election Initiative put before the people passed with a great margin of victory.

This means that the majority of candidates of all caucuses can use the public option this election cycle. Candidates for office have been using the system since the year 2000.

However, because of insufficient funding and diversion

of funds for other reasons, the Clean Election program has been shortchanged by more than \$6 million. Last year's 2015 initiative increased the annual transfer of funds from \$2 million to \$3 million. Thankfully, the \$3 million required for 2016 has been transferred, but the fund still needs to be paid back what is owed, instead of taking an advance from future funds.

On April 6, many Clean Election advocates visited the Maine State House in Augusta letting legislators know that they must pay back the money owed to this fund. The legislature came through, just passing LD 1579 through the House and Senate, thus reappropriating \$500,000 to the Clean Election Fund in an attempt to partially close the gap in the shortfall. The money must be there for use in future elections - government by and for the people.

Now, let us all hope that Gov. Paul LePage will support the will of the people, and not

veto it.

Suzanne Fitzgerald
Bar Harbor

Bar Harbor
7/26/2016

Dear Jimmy -

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