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Keep Maine clean

The state of democracy in Maine is under attack. Out-of-state moneyed interests have ponied up and are riding a red herring to attack Maine's Clean Elections. Why? Because they want unlimited ads and don't want to compete on a level playing field.

Eighty percent of Maine's legislators, from both major parties, run "clean." It means our elected officials are less open to corruption. It's a good system, and it has worked for 10 years.

With clean elections, voters hear from all sides, not just from those with money to spend. With clean elections voters know who is behind the ads.

Clean elections means that citizens come first, and that our government is not for sale.

Keeping Maine clean is not just about litter. Let the out-of-state interests peddle their speech limits elsewhere.

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