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Yes to keep it clean

It's that time of year again — time to file our tax returns, and I'm checking "yes" for clean elections on Line 1 of my Maine income tax form.

Checking yes lets me support the clean election system, but it doesn't add to my tax bill. It's a way for me to direct three of my tax dollars to the Maine Clean Election Fund. This year, tens of thousands of Maine people will check "yes." That sends a strong message of support for the clean election system.

And I want to support clean elections. Our citizen-initiated, groundbreaking, nation-leading law makes me proud to live in Maine. Thanks to clean elections, all kinds of qualified, public-spirited residents can run for the Legislature without raising private money from wealthy donors.

We get a Legislature of, by, and for the people. Ordinary Maine voters are in the driver's seat of our democracy, and our legislators are accountable to us.

I want to keep it that way, so I'm checking "yes" for clean elections on my Maine income tax form, and I hope lots of you will join me.

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