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Clean system works

Former state Sen. Ed Youngblood is right when he says the Clean Election Act deserves to be fixed after a court overturned the matching funds system (“Lawmakers consider fixes to Maine Clean Election law,” BDN, Oct. 18).

This law is one of the best things about Maine. Here, people from all walks of life can run for office, and they can do so without relying on wealthy backers to fund their campaign, as long as the voters where they live support them. I wish all candidates would use it.

There are plenty of special interests that would love to get back into the campaign funding game, and that’s just what will happen if the Legislature fails to make the needed changes to Clean Elections.

Today, my senator and representative rely on people like me to give them the \$5 qualifying contributions that allow them to access Clean Elections funding. I much prefer that to the alternative, in which these folks would have to find people who could give them hundreds. It wouldn’t make much sense for them to spend time with Mainers like me under a system like that.

Make the changes to keep Clean Elections working for Maine people, including the people who represent us.

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