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Letters

A Message for Football Boosters

Dear Editor:

Since there is a shortage of money for the sciences, arts and humanities in the Ellsworth educational system and there is a movement to establish a football program, I have the perfect solution for all the parents and taxpayers.

Let each of the parents of the potential football players bring their checkbooks to the high school and deposit \$1,500 in a fund for the pur-

chase of equipment, bus transport, salaries and legal counsel in the event of litigation due to injury. In fact, my oldest son suffered a broken leg playing for Manasquan High School, N.J. I also played for West Orange High School and in looking back I'm sure more then ever this sport is a total waste of time.

Arthur Fiveland
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Support Clean Election Fund

To the Editor:

I just finished and filed my tax return for last year. Every year I am proud to check Yes on the Maine income tax form Clean Election check-off! It is a small but powerful action.

When I check Yes, I send 3 dollars into the Maine Clean Election Fund. It does not add 3 dollars to my tax bill, and it won't reduce a refund either. It tells the folks in Augusta that I care about keeping corporate money out of Maine elections. And it's not just me. Thousands of Maine people check Yes for Clean Elections every year.

I'm proud that Maine has led the way when it comes to getting the big money out of politics. I'm

not proud that out of state groups poured money in at the last minute, filed reports with the ethics commission late and now have gotten off by paying a fine that amounts to 5 percent of what they spent. Cost of doing business. Elections reflect our values and Maine's values are honesty, integrity and having clean campaigns not beholden to special interests.

Maine has been the envy of the nation ever since we implemented our Clean Election system more than 10 years ago. Let's continue that proud tradition by checking Yes for Clean Elections this year.

Phil Bailey
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