

# Portland Press Herald

## Letters to the editor, March 1, 2011

### Maine should keep backing Clean Elections

Thank you to the paper's editorial board for its continuing support of the Maine Clean Elections Act, especially in the governor's race ("Governor's races should stay in Clean Elections," Feb. 18).

Citizens initiated this bill, and Mainers voted overwhelmingly to make it the law. The idea was to cut the connection between private money and public office for all state offices, legislative and gubernatorial.

We all benefit when candidates run for office and serve without financial ties to special interests, and future candidates for governor should have that option.

That's why I will check "yes" on Line 1 on my Maine income tax form this year. Checking "yes" will not reduce my refund or add to my taxes -- it will simply send three dollars that I've already paid into the Maine Clean Election Fund.

Keep our elected officials accountable to the people, not special interests, by checking "yes" for Clean Elections!

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