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## Good deal for us all

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I was pleased that the Sun Journal editorial board encouraged readers to check the Clean Election box on state tax returns (Our view, Feb. 12). When people check "Yes" for Clean Elections on the Maine income tax form, three dollars go into the Maine Clean Election Fund. It does not increase the amount people owe or decrease the amount of a refund.

Clean elections (funded through small donations such as the check-off and the \$5 qualifying contributions that voters make in order to help candidates qualify) aren't the answer to everything, but they mean that possible candidates don't have to have a lot of money to run for office and that, once elected, representatives can spend more time working for their constituents and less time fundraising.

That is good for everyone, no matter what party affiliation one has.

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