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Letters to the Editor

## [Clean Election law shows how to fix money problem](#)

With dinner at \$50,000 a plate, dinner is outsizing the average household income in Maine. In a recent Portland Press Herald editorial, it is outlined how outrageously large contributions dominate our political campaigns (Our View, "[Political spending threatens democracy](#)," Sept. 23).

Money in politics is nothing new, but recent court cases and other policy changes have made it even easier for large, undisclosed contributions to dominate our campaigns.

Luckily, in Maine, we have a stronger system to prevent these types of fundraisers.

The Clean Election Act keeps Maine strong. Polling demonstrates Maine citizens value the transparency and fairness Clean Elections brings to the electoral process.

Whether we're Democrats, Republicans or independents, we're Mainers first, and we all have a shared interest in government that's accountable, effective, transparent and truly representative.

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