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Letter to the Editor

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Clean elections

I disagree with one of the points made in the BDN's March 6 editorial, "[Budget is no place to make election policy.](#)" It would be a big mistake to discontinue the Clean Election Act in elections for governor in order to preserve it in legislative races.

Maine has just one statewide office and that is the office of governor. It is the most powerful elected office in the state, and it is the single most important race to target when it comes to reducing the influence of special interest money.

The Legislature should not only keep this system intact, it should make it better by replacing the matching funds system that was struck down by the courts.

I think Maine will benefit greatly when we finally do elect a governor using clean elections. But to allow for that possibility, we must have a viable program that works.

I urge every legislator to push for a strong clean election system for legislative and gubernatorial candidates alike.

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