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Out-of-State Money Dominating 2014 Gubernatorial Election

Augusta, ME – Maine Citizens for Clean Elections released information today showing a significant increase in contributions from out-of-state donors in recently filed gubernatorial campaign finance reports compared to the entire 2010 election. With 42 days until the general election, total out-of-state giving has reached \$1,479,562, more than four times what voters saw in the entire 2010 election from the top three finalists.

“With seven weeks of the most intense fundraising still to go, out-of-state contributors are playing a larger role than ever before in our politics,” said Andrew Bossie, Executive Director of Maine Citizens for Clean Elections. “Without a gubernatorial Clean Election option and with dramatically increased contribution limits, candidates are increasingly using wealthy out-of-state donors to fund their campaigns at the expense of everyday Maine voters.”

Out-of-state contributors gave \$1,479,562 to the gubernatorial candidates, amounting to 21.9% of the total. In contrast, candidates in the 2010 gubernatorial general election raised only \$349,709 from out-of-state contributors during the entire 2010 election season, amounting to 5.4% of their total receipts. Out-of-state money serves as an increasing source of funding for Maine gubernatorial candidates.

“Mainers are eager to reject these Washington DC-Style big-money fundraising tactics and restore our first-in-the-nation Clean Election laws that lift up the voices of everyday voters and reduce the role of big-money special interests,” said BJ McCollister, Program Director for MCCE. “Hundreds of volunteers are collecting the signatures needed to advance a referendum to strengthen our Clean Election and disclosure laws after the courts and lawmakers weakened them. Elections should be about the wants and needs of Maine voters, not out-of-state donors – it’s our democracy at stake.”

Read the analysis

here: https://www.mainecklelections.org/sites/default/files/web/42%20Day_0.pdf

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