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**Ed Youngblood Joins Maine Citizens for Clean Elections' Board of Directors**

*The former Republican Senator is a longtime advocate for Clean Elections*

Augusta, ME – Maine Citizens for Clean Elections (MCCE) today announced that Edward Youngblood has joined its Board of Directors. Youngblood is the former Republican Senator from Brewer and has been a strong advocate for restoring the Maine Clean Election Act and strengthening other campaign finance reforms.

Youngblood was in the inaugural class of Clean Election candidates in 2000. He served in the State Senate from 2000-2004 and then again from 2012-2014 and in the interim served two terms on the state's Ethics Commission. He is retired from Bangor Savings Bank where he was Senior Vice President.

"We need Clean Elections now more than ever," said Youngblood. "As money in politics increases, the role of the general public in our democracy diminishes, more and more citizens feel their vote does not matter. We need to return to a government of, by, and for the people, and that's what MCCE's work is all about. "

Maine Citizens for Clean Elections (MCCE) is a nonpartisan organization that works in the public interest to advocate for, increase public support for, defend and improve the Maine Clean Election Act and related campaign finance law.

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