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Maine Citizens for Clean Elections Announces Planned Executive Departure

Andrew Bossie served as Executive Director of the group since 2011; long-time Clean Elections advocate, John Brautigam, will serve as interim Executive Director during transition period.

Portland, ME - After nearly six years, Executive Director Andrew Bossie is leaving Maine Citizens for Clean Elections and MCCE Action. His last day will be June 28th.

John Brautigam, long-time team member and Clean Elections advocate, will serve as interim Executive Director during the transition period. John is an attorney and former legislator who has served as counsel for Clean Elections since the 1990's and remains a critical part of MCCE's legal, educational, research, and advocacy efforts.

Andrew, John, the board, and staff are committed to ensuring a smooth and thoughtful transition process, which will culminate in a search for a new Executive Director before the end of 2017.

"After years of organizational growth, successful education efforts, and wins both at ballot box and in the legislature, MCCE is well positioned to move forward toward a government truly of, by, and for everyday people," said Gary Friedmann, MCCE's board president. "Under Andy's dynamic leadership we expanded the board, the staff, the mission and the reach of our organization. He oversaw a multi-year campaign to strengthen Clean Elections at the polls, an effort that mobilized thousands of Maine citizens. As our first full-time professional Executive Director, Andy raised the profile of our issues and our organization, and he leaves a mark on every facet of Maine Citizens for Clean Elections and our political arm, MCCE Action. We are grateful for all Andy has brought to our cause and wish him all the best in his future endeavors."

"It's been the greatest honor and privilege to lead this organization for six years," said Bossie. "I'm incredibly proud of the progress we've made to ensure that everyday people are first and foremost in our elections and government. Never has it been more important to believe in the power of our collective selves, and few organizations embody that more, both in practice and in principle, than Maine Citizens for Clean Elections. MCCE and MCCE Action are in the good hands of our very engaged board, staff, and grassroots leaders. As for me, I'll always be a Maine Citizen for Clean Elections, albeit in a different and evolving role."

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