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Maine Citizens for Clean Elections Applauds Ethics Commission Decision
Release of remaining payments ends unnecessary disruption of election

Today's vote by the bipartisan Ethics Commission lifts the cloud cast over the Maine Clean Election Act by a simple typographical error in last year's budget and the legislators' refusal to fix the error. By moving forward and making the required payments to eligible candidates the Commission is now restoring fairness and ending the unnecessary disruption to this election cycle. Not only will Clean Election candidates receive the funds for which they qualify, replacement candidates have a chance to qualify for full access to the Clean Elections program.

This is a common sense decision that was based on the recent court decision releasing funds for the previous fiscal year. We celebrate the correct conclusion and the end of this disruptive chapter.

The 11 plaintiffs stand ready to act should the program meet any further obstacles.