

MAINE CITIZENS FOR CLEAN ELECTIONS COMES TO THE GREATER BANGOR AREA

20/10 Tour Celebrates 10 Years of Clean Elections

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(September 22, 2010) --- The Greater Bangor area is the third stop in a statewide tour to celebrate ten years of Clean Election by reconnecting with the people who made Clean Elections possible – Maine voters. The Tour will stop at Rotary Clubs and other community groups as well as local newspapers, radio stations and public access TV shows.

MCCE will be presenting a power point at the Old Town/Orono Rotary at 6:15 following the social hour on September 30th. The presentation will look at the commitment made by Maine people in passing the act and its successes to date. The Maine Clean Election Act took effect in 2000. Recently, publicly funded elections across the country have been under attack by well-funded special interests.

Ben Goodman who hosts a local radio program and who supports clean elections said; "After *Citizens United*, the discussion of money in politics has never been more pertinent. In light of recent rulings across Maine and the nation, there's no better time to have a serious discussion about the history and the future of Maine's Clean Elections Program. We're excited to welcome a great panel to Drive Time."

MCCE Co-Chairs Ann Luther and Alison Smith will spearhead the tour along with a host of supporters, volunteers and those who have used Clean Elections in the past.

Ann Luther said: "Ten years ago the Maine Clean Election Act put voters in the driver's seat, and today the system is used by about 80% of Maine candidates across the state and in all parties. Candidates like it because it allows them to run better campaigns – campaigns that are focused on voters, not donors. And voters like it because they know their representatives will serve without ties to special interests."

For more information about Clean Elections, go to: <http://www.mainecelelections.org/>

EVENT INFORMATION:

SEPT. 30

Old Town/ Orono Rotary
5:30 Social Hour 6:15 Presentation
Black Bear Inn, 4 Godfrey Drive

OCT. 21

Bangor Fusion
Wellman Commons, 288 Union Street
4-5 pm

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