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YES! MAGAZINE HONORS MCCE'S ALISON SMITH

Named one of the YES! Breakthrough 15 for her commitment to our first-in-the-nation Clean Elections system

Maine Citizens for Clean Elections is proud to announce that board president and citizen activist, Alison Smith, has been named by YES! Magazine as one of its 'Breakthrough 15.' YES! Magazine executive editor Sarah van Gelder said that the winners represented a group of people who are "tuned in to the deepest needs of our time."

Nominated by activist and author Paul Loeb, the award recognizes people whose work is creating the most important solutions and transforming the way we live. Alison's work on Maine's 1996 citizen referendum to adopt the Maine Clean Elections Act and her on-going leadership and dedication to ensure the law continues to work for Maine people made her an easy choice.

"Alison's passion and commitment to reducing the influence of big money in our politics has made a enormous impact in Maine", says MCCE Executive Director Andrew Bossie. "Maine has a Clean Election system that is the envy of the nation, where elected officials are held accountable by voters, not deep pocketed special interests. The contributions of Alison Smith are inseparably linked to our story of success," added Bossie. Long time MCCE board member and former co-president, Ann Luther, says, "Her leadership and vision for what's possible continue to inspire our work on Clean Elections in Maine."

Maine Citizens for Clean Elections 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. For more information, see our website at www.maineCLElections.org.

YES! Magazine reframes the biggest problems of our time in terms of their solutions. Online and in print, we outline a path forward with in-depth analysis, tools for citizen engagement, and stories about real people working for a better world. The newly released winter issue of YES! Magazine marks the publication's 15th anniversary as an ad-free, independent magazine. www.yesmagazine.org

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