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U.S. Supreme Court Upholds Maine's Disclosure Laws

The National Organization for Marriage's (NOM) three-year long effort to overturn Maine's campaign finance disclosure laws has come to an end.

Today, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear NOM's appeal of lower court decisions to uphold the state's transparency laws. The case began when NOM sued the state rather than disclose the donors who contributed almost \$2 million to the 2009 campaign to repeal Maine's marriage equality law. NOM argued unsuccessfully that revealing the source of funding was an infringement of the organization's First Amendment right.

The Court's action signals that transparency remains a constitutional element of campaign finance policy.

"This is a clear victory for voters and for the democratic process," said Andrew Bossie, Executive Director for Maine Citizens for Clean Elections. "It's simple: Maine people want and need to know who is paying for political campaigns. Disclosure is the most basic building block of campaign finance laws, and we applaud today's Court action."

MCCE was a Friend of the Court in the NOM case, arguing that Maine voters have a right to know who funds political campaigns.

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