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TO: The Honorable Senator Lisa T. Marraché, Senate Chair
The Honorable Representative John L. Patrick, House Chair
The Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs

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RE: **LD 1341** "An Act to Clarify Restrictions on Accepting Campaign Contributions Laws"

Maine Citizens for Clean Elections (MCCE) testifies neither for nor against LD 1341.

This bill clarifies that seed money contributions are contributions under the law, therefore subject to the ban, extended under this bill, on lobbyist giving.

Seed money contributions are contributions under the law, and MCCE believes this is clear in the statute. We have no objection to the further clarification suggested by Rep. Mills.

Title 21-A: ELECTIONS

Chapter 14: THE MAINE CLEAN ELECTION ACT (HEADING: IB 1995, c. 1, §17 (new))

§1122. Definitions

9. Seed money contribution.

“ ‘Seed money contribution’ means a contribution of no more than \$100 per individual made to a candidate, including a contribution from the candidate or the candidate's family...’ ”